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IPOH: An elderly man lost RM158,000 after being duped by a phone scam syndicate.

Ipoh police chief ACP Abang Zainal Abidin Abang Ahmad said the 73-year-old victim claimed to have received a call from an insurance company to inform him that he had arrears.

The call was then transferred to a man

claiming to be a police officer from the Petaling Jaya district police headquarters.

"The victim was told that he was involved in money laundering involving more than RM2 million, and an arrest warrant had been issued.

"The victim was threatened and instructed to make various transactions to several bank

accounts supposedly to facilitate investigations," Abang Zainal Abidin said in a statement yesterday, adding that the victim made 12 transactions into 12 different bank accounts.

He said the victim lodged a police report yesterday after realising he had been cheated.
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