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CHUKAI: An engineer lost RM114,000 after falling victim to a phone scam syndicate that impersonated an officer from the Bukit Aman Anti-Money Laundering (AMLA) Criminal Investigation team.

Kemaman police chief Supt Mohd Razi Rosli said the incident

occurred on Aug 5, when the 31-year-old victim received a phone call from an individual claiming he was under investigation for involvement in an account fraud syndicate.

He said the suspect had instructed the victim to make several payments in order to

avoid arrest and to clear his name from the alleged investigation.

"Panicked and fearing legal repercussions, the victim made five transactions amounting to RM114,000 to four different bank accounts over a span of two days, as directed by the suspect," he said in a statement. — Bernama