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**KUANTAN:** A former factory manager lost over RM221,000 after falling victim to a phone scam in May.

Pahang police chief Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman said the 59-year-old woman was initially contacted by an individual posing as a hospital staff member who alleged the woman had made an insurance claim.

The call was then connected to a police sergeant who accused her of being involved in bank account transactions linked to money laundering and firearms purchases.

“The victim was threatened that a warrant of arrest would be issued if she failed to cooperate and was told to prepare bail of RM378,500.

“She then transferred her savings into her own bank account between Aug 1 and 9 and provided her bank card details to the suspect for investigation purposes,” he said in a statement yesterday, Bernama reported.

On Aug 27, the victim found her savings reduced to RM109.78 and realised she had been duped after being asked to pay an additional RM150,000, Yahaya said.

He added that the woman then lodged a report at the Kuantan district police headquarters on Wednesday.

The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.