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BUTTERWORTH: A graphic designer lost close to RM20,000 in a phone scam recently. The 27-year-old received a call on Saturday from an officer purportedly from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission who claimed that she owed income tax arrears from her company. Upon explaining that she did not own a company, the officer purportedly connected the call to a "police officer" at the Kedah police headquarters. The victim was then given a link to a Bank Negara Malaysia application through WhatsApp to instal on her phone and fill in her bank account details. Later when she tried to log into her bank account, she failed. The victim then contacted the bank and was told that RM19.998 from her account had been transferred to an unknown account.