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**KANGAR:** A student of a Public Institution of Higher Learning (IPTA) in Arau lost RM38,000 after he was duped by a Macau Scam syndicate for being involved in an investigation into money laundering and drug syndicates via a phone call, on Thursday.

Kangar district police chief ACP Yusharifuddin Mohd Yusop said the Kangar District Commercial Crime Investigation Division received a police report from the 20-year-old man yesterday.

"The victim was tricked when he received a phone call claiming that the victim was involved in the investigation on a money laundering and drug syndicate case.

"The victim was threatened with arrest by the police if he fail to cooperate in investigating the case," he said in a statement yesterday.

Yusharifuddin said the victim was then instructed to put the money amounting to RM38,000 into two different bank accounts after receiving instructions from the suspect who posed as a police officer on the pretext of checking the money in the victim's bank account. — Bernama