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**MIRI:** A private company employee in his 40s here lost RM11,500 after falling for a Macau scam.

Miri police chief ACP Alexson Naga Chabu in a statement said the victim on Nov 30 received a phone call from an individual claiming to be a police officer.

"The suspect accused the victim of being involved in money laundering activities and that his account needed to undergo 'auditing' by Bank Negara Malaysia.

"To avoid his account from being frozen, the victim was instructed to transfer his savings to a third-party account given by the suspect," he said.

Alexson said the victim carried out the transfer in two transactions, and only realised he had been cheated when the suspect could no longer be contacted.

A police report on the matter was lodged on Dec 4, with police investigating the case under Section 420 of the Penal Code.

In this regard, Alexson reminded the public not to entertain calls from unknown persons, especially those who ask for personal information.