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MUKAH: A local man ended up losing RM5,000 after falling prey to a phone scam involving bogus enforcement officers who claimed to be from the police and Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

The 30-year-old had received a call from an unknown number, where the caller claimed that a staggering 17 complaints had been filed against him — allegedly involving shady investment links, fake job offers, and government assistance schemes.

Gripped by fear that he could be arrested and jailed, the victim was instructed to transfer RM5,000 into a bank account — which turned out to be a mule account used by the scammers.

The sum was supposedly to clear his bank account from money laundering activities.

According to Mukah district police headquarters, the victim filed a report on Tuesday and the case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating and dishonestly inducing the delivery of property.

Police reminded the public to remain calm and not to panic when receiving such calls, especially those involving accusations of money laundering.

They are also advised to verify the authenticity of such claims with the nearest police station.