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MUAR: An electrician lost his savings of RM118,400 after falling victim to an online fraud syndicate member posing as a police officer.

Muar police chief ACP Raiz Mukhliz Azman Aziz said the 53-year-old victim received a call on Oct 1 from an individual claiming to be a police officer from the Kajang district police headquarters.

He said the victim was accused of involvement in money laundering and bribery in Sabah, and was instructed to open a new bank account.

"The victim was told to register the account with a phone number provided so that it could be 'monitored' for investigation purposes. He was also instructed to transfer his money into the account.

"When the victim checked the account, the RM118,400 he had deposited had been withdrawn."

Raiz Mukhliz said the case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code.

He urged the public to verify phone numbers and bank accounts through the Semak Mule portal at semakmule.rmp.gov.my. – Bernama