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KOTA TINGGI: Police here have recorded 34 Macau scam cases during the movement control order (MCO) and conditional MCO from March 18 until May 18 with losses amounting to almost RM500,000.

Kota Tinggi OCPD Supt Ahsmon Bajah said pensioners and farmers who owned land were targeted.

"Cases have increased by 20% to 34 cases during the MCO and CMCO period compared to 28 cases to January until March 17, with losses recorded at RM480,000," he said.

Supt Ahsmon said victims were told they had police or court cases and were convinced to divulge personal details and make payments.

The syndicates also managed to create phone numbers identical to those of enforcement agencies such as the Road Transport Department and courts, he said.

"The difference is the area code. We use +60, the syndicate usually uses +80, +90 and others, followed by the agency numbers," he said.

Supt Ahsmon said victims could also check account details given by the syndicate at http://ccid.rmp.gov.my/semakmule/ or call CCID infoline at 03-2111222.