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SARATOK: An Op Kesan operation by Saratok police led to the arrest of two suspected account mules linked to separate scam cases.

Saratok police chief DSP Mathew Manggie said both suspects were detained separately by personnel from the district Commercial Crime Investigation Division in Kota Samarahan on Tuesday.

"The first suspect, a 42-year-old woman, is believed to have acted as an account mule in a non-existent investment scam that caused losses amounting to RM39,080.74.

"The victim was duped into joining an investment group via Telegram which promised lucrative returns. He made seven transactions before realising he had been cheated," Mathew said

in a statement yesterday.

He said the second arrest involved a 20-year-old man suspected of involvement in a scam conducted via WhatsApp which resulted in the loss of RM380.

"Investigations showed the bank account used in the transaction was registered under the suspect's name, but he claimed to be unaware of the money deposited into the account," he added.

The two suspects have since been released on police bail pending further investigation by the Sarawak Commercial Crime Investigation Department.

The cases are being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating, which carries a maximum jail term of 10 years, whipping, and a fine upon conviction.