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IPOH: A 61-year-old government pensioner lost RM127,560 when she fell prey to syndicate members posing as police officers and a courier company employee last month.

Perak police chief Datuk Seri Mohd Yusri Hassan Basri said based on a report received on Monday, they contacted the retiree from Kampung Sungai Tapah

Tambahan on Sept 25.

He said the woman had received a phone call from an individual who introduced himself as an employee of a courier company, claiming that she had a package delivery problem.

Mohd Yusri said she was then purportedly connected to the Penang police contingent headquarters and had spoken with an "inspector" and a "sergeant".

"She was tricked into providing a picture of the front of her bank card to them," he said in a statement yesterday, adding that the woman only became aware of the ruse after her daughter checked her mobile phone.

He said the retiree transferred RM127,560 in three transactions to three bank accounts belonging to different individuals between Oct 9

and 10. The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code.

Mohd Yusri reminded the public to always be alert to suspicious phone calls, especially if the callers claim to be from courier companies or government agencies.

He also said the public may call the National Scam Response Centre at 997 if they fall victim to phone scams, cyber crimes, or have just

made a transaction to a mule account.

Inquiries may be forwarded to the CCID Infoline at 013-211 1222 (WhatsApp only, operating hours from 8am to 8pm), while bank accounts and phone numbers suspected to be involved in fraud cases can be verified via <https://semakmule.rmp.gov.my>.
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