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KUCHING: Only halfway through the first week of January, Sarawak already has two reported cases of Macau and investment scams.

The Macau scam involved a civil servant in Padawan who lost RM179,400 while, the investment scam involved a plumber in Sibu who lost RM106,300.

Both cases were reported to the police on Monday.

Padawan district police chief, Supt Abang Zainal Abidin Abang Ahmad in a statement, strongly advises the public to maintain their composure and avoid being quickly alarmed or panicked if they receive a call from an unknown person claiming to be from a government department, financial institution, insurance company, delivery company, and other unknown callers.

"In the event that they receive such call, they should end it right away and contact the relevant parties or go in person to confirm the matter.

"Never call the phone numbers

that were given by the suspect.

"Apart from that, the public are reminded not to provide their online banking information such as account number, ATM card number, pin number, ID and password to anyone as banking information should not be disclosed.

"In addition, they should never register their online banking with phone number provided by a stranger," he said. For investment scam, Sibu district police chief, ACP Zulkipli Suhaili urged the public to always check with Bank Negara Malaysia before making any online investments in order to avoid falling victim to fraud.

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The police chiefs reminded the public to check the suspect's phone number and bank account through Check Scammers CCID or https://semakmule.rmp.gov.my before

making any transactions.

They can also contact the CCID Scam Response Centre at 03-26101559 or 03-26101599 to get advice or channel information regarding cyber-crime cases.

Aside from that, they can follow Facebook pages of @ CyberCrimeAlertRMP and @ JSJKPDRM to get the latest information on the scammer's modus operandi.