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JOHOR BAHRU: A retired police officer fell victim to a phone scam, suffering a loss of over RM310,000 last month.

Batu Pahat deputy police chief Supt Shahrulanuar Mushaddat Abdullah Sani said the woman, aged 60, received a phone call from an individual claiming to be a cop from the Perak police contingent headquarters.

He said the individual claimed that the victim was on a list of suspects to be arrested for involvement in money laundering and that all assets and money belonging to her would be frozen.

"The suspect asked the victim to provide her bank account details purportedly for investigation purposes by the National Audit Department," he said in a statement yesterday.

Shahrulanuar said the victim also transferred money totalling RM66,050 in two stages to two different bank accounts last month.

He said that on June 3, the victim checked her account to find that the remaining RM244,945.78 in her bank account had been transferred without her knowledge.

The total amount of the victim's loss was RM310,995.78, he added.

He said the case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code, and advised the public to be more careful when receiving phone calls from unknown numbers and to check with the authorities first if they are instructed to do any suspicious transactions. — Bernama