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KUALA TERENGGANU: A retired Community Development Department (Kemas) teacher lost RM200,300 in a phone scam.

According to Kuala Terengganu police chief ACP Azli Mohd Noor, the 62-year-old woman received a call on May 25 from a suspect posing as an insurance representative, falsely accusing her of mak-

ing a fraudulent insurance claim.

The suspect then transferred the call to an accomplice impersonating a Bukit Aman police officer, claiming she could avoid arrest by posting bail and surrendering her money to Bank Negara for a purported investigation, reported Bernama.

“Under duress, the victim trans-

ferred funds from her Tabung Haji account to her bank account before being coerced into disclosing her banking details. She then made a series of transfers totalling RM26,700 into four different accounts,” he said in a statement yesterday.

The victim realised she had been deceived when she discov-

ered that an additional RM173,000 had been withdrawn from her account.

A police investigation revealed 18 unauthorised transactions from her account to six unknown accounts between June 6 and 19. The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.