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KUCHING: A retired teacher, 63, lost RM739,050 to a Macau scam recently after being accused of being involved in money laundering.

Sarawak Police Commissioner Datuk Mohd Azman Ahmad Sapri said the retiree received a phone call from an unknown man who introduced himself as a police officer on May 6.

He told the retiree that she was involved in a money laundering case and told her that Bank Negara Malaysia wanted to check her savings.

"The suspect told the victim that he had to open a new account in her own name and transfer all her money into the account for investigation purposes.

"The panicked victim then

opened two new accounts at different banks on May 12 and transferred RM369,525 and another RM369,525 to the two new accounts," he said in a statement yesterday.

The retiree was then instructed by the suspect to give him all the banking information of the new accounts.

"The victim only realised that she had been cheated after contacting the bank and being informed that there were several money transfer transactions totaling RM739,050 from her two new accounts to the bank account of an individual she did not know," he said.

The victim then proceeded to make a police report regarding the incident. Police are investigating the case.