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## 2 SEPARATE CASES

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**JOHOR BARU:** Two people were cheated of almost RM2.5 million in separate cases of fraudulent investment schemes and impersonation of a police officer on Saturday.

Acting Johor police chief Deputy Commissioner M. Kumar said in the first case, a 44-year-old manager had made cash transfers amounting to RM1.06 million to several banks, as instructed by a man claiming to be from Yomaex Crypto Market Ltd.

The victim had initially received a text message, which provided a link to an investment scheme.

Upon clicking the link, he was contacted by the scammer and was instructed to download the Yomaex mobile application.

After making the cash transfers, he was unable to withdraw the profits as displayed in the application and was asked to make more transfers. He later suspected he was duped when he was locked out of the application, prompting him to lodge a report.

In the second case, a business proprietor, 45, received a call from a man claiming to be from a delivery company, who said a parcel addressed to her contained contraband.

She was convinced by the caller that a police officer had issued a warrant of arrest for her, and it was best for her to speak to him directly. The call was transferred to a person claiming to be a policeman.

The imposter instructed her to deposit RM1,400,533.80 into several bank accounts, to avoid legal actions against her, which she promptly did.

She realised that she was duped after efforts to call the delivery company were futile, which led her to lodge a report.

Kumar advised members of the public to remain vigilant, especially in financial transactions.

He urging them to stay updated via the police's Commercial Crime Investigation Department's social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, to understand the latest commercial crime modus operandi.

He also encouraged the public, to use online verification services like "Semak Mule" and download the "Whoscall" application to minimise the risk of falling victim to scams.