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SIBU: A civil servant in her 30s has lost RM99,700 to a call scam.

Sibu police chief ACP Zulkipli Suhaili, in a statement, said the woman received a call on Sept 1 from an unknown individual claiming to be from a well-known courier company.

"The woman was told that there was a package under her name containing five identification cards, five ATM cards and five passports," he said.

Zulkipli said the woman's call was then forwarded to another individual, claiming to be a police officer, who assured the victim that he could help her.

"However, the woman was required to transfer money amounting to RM50,000 into an account, of which the details were provided by the 'police officer', as fee for investigating the case.

"Feeling worried and scared, the woman made five

transactions totalling RM99,700 into a local bank account," said Zulkipli.

The woman only realised that she had been scammed after being consulted by a family member, and later lodged a police report on the same day.

According to Zulkipli, the case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.

As a preventive measure, he advised members of the public not to panic or get anxious when receiving phone calls from unknown individuals claiming to be representing any government department or financial institutions.

For more information or advice on suspected scam calls, call the National Scam Response Centre via 997, or the CCID Scam Response Centre on 03-2810 1559 / 03-2610 1599.

Alternatively, go to CyberCrimeAlertRMP or JSJKPDRM Facebook page.