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SIBU: A college student here lost a total of RM9,290 after he fell victim to a parcel scam.

Sibu police chief ACP Zulkipli Suhaili said the victim, in his 20s, lodged a police report yesterday.

"The student said he received

a phone call on Aug 6 from an anonymous caller, who claimed to be from a well-known courier company.

"The caller told him that there was a parcel under his name that had been detained because it

contained prohibited items," said Zulkipli in a statement.

The district police chief said the college student was then forwarded to a person, said to be a police officer who asked for the youth's personal information.

"The caller told the victim that after checking, it was found that he (student) was involved in money laundering. Worried and scared, the victim followed the caller's instruction."

Zulkipli said from Aug 6 to

Aug 10, the student had made four transactions amounting to RM9,290 to three unknown bank accounts.

He only realised that he had been cheated when he was asked to report via WhatsApp every

four hours.

"Four hours later, the phone number got blocked. The victim lodged a police report after that," said Zulkipli, adding that the case would be investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code.