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**KANGAR:** A female teacher in Pauh, Arau lost RM23,000 after she was believed to have been duped by a phone scam syndicate with individuals posing as a Touch 'n Go officer and the authorities on May 29.

Arau district police chief Supt Ahmad Mohsin Md Rodi said the 26-year-old teacher received a phone call from an individual introducing himself as a Touch 'n Go officer at 12.21pm while she was at school.

The "officer" informed her that her Touch 'n Go card had been used to steal money from someone else's account.

"Then the call was supposedly connected to authorities from the Penang state police contingent headquarters, who claimed that the teacher was involved in money laundering and drug smuggling crimes," he said in a statement.

Ahmad Mohsin said she was asked to transfer RM23,000 in a single transaction to a bank account given by the suspect to prevent her bank account from being frozen.

The teacher made the money transfer on the same day.

He said she only realised she had been scammed after checking the information again, and lodged a police report the next day.

The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code. – Bernama