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**GEORGE TOWN:** Three women in Penang suffered a loss of nearly RM1.7 million after falling prey to scammers who accused them of being involved in money laundering activities.

Penang deputy police chief Datuk Fisol Salleh said the first victim, a clerk living in Bukit Mertajam, lodged a police report on Dec 19 claiming that she had been scammed out of RM1,026,200 since July.

According to him, the victim told the police that she was contacted by scammers who disguised as a postal worker and a police officer and accused her of being involved in money laundering activities.

"Panicked and scared that she would be detained by the police, the victim followed the suspects' instructions

to transfer her husband's insurance money and savings to 13 separate accounts," he said at a press conference here yesterday.

Fisol said the second victim, a 41-year-old teacher from Seberang Perai Selatan who suffered a loss of RM203,200 lodged a police report on Dec 19, adding that the victim, who had been in contact with the Macau syndicate scammers since November, took out a bank loan amounting to RM190,000 to pay them to avoid being arrested by the police.

Another teacher from Seberang Perai Utara also made a police report on Dec 23 after losing RM439,000 to scammers, he added.

Fisol said further investigations were underway. — Bernama