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KUANTAN: A retiree has lost more than RM400,000 in savings to scammers.

Pahang Commercial Crimes Investigation Department head Supt Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof said the victim, aged 59, claimed that she received a call on April 29 alleging her phone had been used for illegal activities.

Supt Mohd Wazir said the caller, supposedly a staff of a telecommunications company, told her about a complaint that her number had been used for illegal gambling activities.

"The victim denied the allegations before the call was passed to a 'police officer' from the Kuantan district police.

"During the 'investigation' conducted over the phone, she gave her personal information, including the amount of savings she had in three banks, as well as how much jewellery she had.

"She also gave her ATM card number, verification number and expiry date to the suspect when asked," he told reporters yesterday.

Supt Mohd Wazir said according to the victim, the call was again transferred to a Bukit Aman officer from the Anti-Money Laundering



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and Anti-Terrorism Financing Crime Investigation team.

He said the "woman officer" ordered the victim to transfer all her savings so that the money would not be confiscated.

"When the victim checked her savings accounts on Wednesday, she found that there were 30 fund transfer transactions amounting to RM424,650 made to 14 unknown bank accounts between April 29 and May 15. She then tried to contact the suspects again but the calls wouldn't go through," he said.

Supt Mohd Wazir said the victim then lodged a report at the Muadzam Shah police station.

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