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GEORGE TOWN: A private company clerk lost RM326,100 in a phone scam after she was duped by a syndicate of being involved in electricity theft recently.

Acting Timur Laut District Police chief Supt V. Saravanan said the 51-year-old woman lodged a report on Monday after realising that she had been scammed.

"The woman said she received a phone call from a

suspect (first suspect) claiming to be an officer from Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) in July, telling her that she was involved in stealing electricity.

"She was then connected to another individual (second suspect) claiming to be from a local authority agency and alleged that the victim was involved in money laundering," he told a press conference here yesterday.

He said the victim was then connected to a third suspect, who asked her to transfer money into several local bank accounts for investigation purposes and to prevent her from being arrested.

Saravanan said the woman, fearing arrest, transferred a total of RM326,100 from her savings account into six accounts believed to be owned by mules from July to August. - Bernama