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SHAH ALAM: A retired private sector employee in Subang Jaya suffered a loss of RM3.839 million after falling victim to a 'phone scam'.

Selangor Police chief Datuk Hussein Omar Khan said the 70-year-old woman received a phone call from an individual in November 2022 claiming to be an insurance officer, who said there had been an insurance claim using her name.

"The complainant denied that he had made the insurance claim. The call was then connected to the 'police' who said the complainant was listed as being involved in a money laundering case and that she could be arrested," he said in a statement yesterday.

He said the woman was then duped into opening a new account for investigation purposes, and in a panic, she transferred RM3.839 million into the account.

She was also told to hand over the bank account details to facilitate the investigation and not to access the account for a few months.

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