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IPOH: Another senior citizen from Taiping has become a victim of a Macau scam, this time involving about RM1.4mil.

This is the second case within a week that a retiree from Taiping has been cheated of over RM1mil.

Perak police chief Comm Datuk Azizi Mat Aris said the 65-year-old retired bank officer had on Aug 11 received a call from an

unknown woman who claimed to be from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) alleging that her bank card was involved in money laundering activities.

"The call was then transferred to another person who identified himself as Sjn Rabbani, who claimed to be handling the case.

"The victim was later contacted

by several other individuals who claimed to be from the Terengganu police contingent," he said in a statement yesterday.

Last Thursday, a 67-year-old retired civil servant from Taiping was reported to have lost more than RM1mil to a scam with a similar modus operandi.

Comm Azizi said the victim was instructed by the scammers to

open several new bank accounts for money to be transferred from her existing bank account.

He said the victim was then instructed to leave her bank automated teller machine cards at a specific location provided by the scammers, which they claimed would be used to withdraw money for the purpose of investigations.

"The scammers also promised

the victim that they would return the money to her once the matter was settled.

"The victim received messages on the transactions of money between Aug 23 and Sept 11.

"Having checked with her bank later, she found that she had lost about RM1.4mil," he said, adding that the victim lodged a police report on Sunday.