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KUANTAN: A retiree lost RM260,950 of her savings last month after being tricked by scammers into leaving her debit card and personal identification number at an undisclosed location.

The 61-year-old victim from Lipis was deceived by two people impersonating officers from the National Scam Response Centre (NSRC) and the police.

Pahang police chief Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman said the victim received a phone call on Sept 29 from someone claiming to be an NSRC officer, alleging that she was involved in online gambling and money-lending.

“The call was transferred to a person claiming to be a police officer, who informed the victim that an arrest warrant had been issued against her.

“The suspect alleged that

checks revealed RM1.18 million in cash had been deposited into her bank account.

“On Oct 27, the suspect instructed the victim to transfer RM120,000 from her Tabung Haji savings to her personal account,” he said yesterday.

He added that the woman was informed that the National Audit Department would investigate her bank account and was instructed to leave her debit card and personal identification number at a location with-

out meeting anyone.

Yahaya said the victim realised she had fallen prey to a phone scam after discovering multiple transfers, amounting to RM260,950, being made from her personal account to an unknown account.

She lodged a report on Friday. He said the case is being investigated for cheating.



Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman