

9 April 2021</p> <p style="text-align: justify;"> KUALA LUMPUR: The number of online jewellery scam cases have risen, with 37 cases involving losses amounting to RM239,530 recorded in the first three months this year.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) director Datuk Zainuddin Yaacob said the scam cases recorded in the period was the highest in the past two years.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">He said throughout 2019, 21 cases were reported involving losses of RM148,444 and the total rose in the subsequent year (2020) to 44 cases involving RM261,954.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">"The development of communication and technology have created online business opportunities, with unlimited access and connectivity, especially when the country is facing the Covid-19 pandemic.
"Therefore, it has become the platform of choice for consumers, but at the same time, it has brought about scams involving the sale of non-existent items," he said in a statement today.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">Zainuddin said his department has implemented various measures to ensure that the efforts to curb these activities are effective.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">"Yet from the prevention aspect, the involvement of the public is much needed and I urge consumers to be careful in all online jewellery transactions.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">The public is reminded not to believe any offer of jewellery that is below market price especially when they're made by individuals you cannot verify," he said.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">He added that buyers must check the authenticity of their transactions and ensure all transactions are done through contracts and certified methods to avoid becoming victims of scams.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">According to him, the public can also check accounts and phone numbers at http://ccid.rmp.gov.my/semakmule/ to verify if the account or phone number has been involved in reported scams before making any payment transactions.</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">The public can contact the CCID Scam Response Centre at 03-26101599/1599 for further information. -- BERNAMA</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">Source: https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2021/04/680791/bukit-aman-online-jewe

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