

room in Bangkok was linked to the theft of more than \$50 million from Australians.

The Australian Crime Commission said Thai police raided

and they are believable stories. "We've had our forensic psychologists look at these and they're saying they're very effective on the vulnerable."

their product development and they're highly flexible and mobile, which means the trail is always cold by the time law enforcement are alerted," he said.

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Australians have lost at least \$113 million in cold call scams in the past five years.



HOW COULD THEY DO THIS TO ME?

TINY TARGET: This baby possum was left fighting for its life after being kicked by a group of youths. Picture: Angie Sims

BRIAN WILLIAMS

THIS tiny juvenile possum has experienced the worst of human cruelty.

But RSPCA staff are fighting to give it a second chance at life.

A passer-by saw a group of youths walking along Drysdale St at Mt Ommaney

in Brisbane's southwest on Friday morning when one lashed out at the possum, which was just out of the pouch.

"Why would anyone do this?" RSPCA spokesman Michael Beatty said.

"Our inspectors are reporting this to police and we'd like help from anyone

in the area who knows who these people are.

"It's really distressing that there are people out there who see an animal sitting there, minding its own business, and they will attack it. It's really distressing."

Mr Beatty said the RSPCA received a constant stream of animals injured

and abused by people. Vet nurse Jess Vincent said it was hoped the four-month-old joey might survive but it had serious injuries.

"It's had a kick to the abdomen and, as a result, has internal damage," she said. "It has blood in the abdomen, damage to its lungs and has been struggling to breathe."

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