Avoiding Plagiarism

Writing 101
HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif. – When a fight broke out recently in the parking lot of Salt Lake Park, a few miles south of downtown Los Angeles, Cogo Guebara did what seemed the most practical thing at the time: she ran over to the park’s police robot to push its emergency alert button.

"I was pushing the button but it said, ‘step out of the way,’” Guebara said. “It just kept ringing and ringing, and I kept pushing and pushing.”

Without a response, Rudy Espericuta, who was with Guebara and her children at the time, dialed 911. About 15 minutes later, after the fight had ended, a woman was rolled out on a stretcher and into an ambulance, her head bleeding from a cut suffered during the altercation.

Amid the scene, the robot continued to glide along its pre-programmed route, humming an intergalactic tune that could have been ripped from any low-budget sci-fi film. The almost 400-pound robot followed the park’s winding concrete from the basketball courts to the children’s splash zone, pausing every so often to tell visitors to “please keep the park clean.”
As we depend more and more on technology, we may think that digital law enforcement robots will keep us safe. But when a fight broke out recently in downtown Los Angeles, a woman pushed an emergency alert button on a police robot, yet nothing happened. I think that such robots are actually a danger to society because...
NOT PLAGIARISM

• Direct quote:

1. When a woman tried to stop a fight in a park by “[running] over to the park’s police robot to push the emergency alert button”, nothing happened (Flaherty, 2019). I think that...

2. According an article from NBC news, a woman tried to stop a fight by reporting it to a “park’s police robot,” hoping to alert authorities by pushing the robot’s “emergency alert button” (Flaherty, 2019). I think that...
As we depend more and more on technology, we may think that digital law enforcement robots will keep us safe. But recently a police robot did nothing when it was trusted to signal for help. I think that such robots are actually a danger to society because...
• Paraphrase with Attribution:

– If we come to rely on robots for our safety, we might be disappointed. In fact, recently a woman in LA tried to engage with a police robot during an emergency, but nothing happened (Flaherty, 2019). I think that...

– Police robots can successfully instruct people to clean up after themselves, but can’t seem to respond when someone’s safety is in danger (Flaherty, 2019).
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The university defines violations to include but not be limited to the following:

1. Submitting an author’s published or unpublished work (e.g., material from a journal, Internet site, newspaper, or encyclopedia) as one’s own in whole, in part, or in paraphrase without fully and properly crediting the author.

2. Submitting materials or work obtained from another student, individual, or agency as one’s own without full and proper attribution.

3. Submitting material produced through unacknowledged or unauthorized collaboration with others as one’s own.

4. Submitting substantially the same work to more than one course without prior approval from all instructors involved: i.e., dual or multiple submission.

5. Using any unauthorized material during an examination, such as notes, tests, calculators, cell phones, PDAs, or other electronic or mechanical communication devices. Abuse of cellular devices with photographic capabilities and use of devices for purposes of photographing test questions or other notes and materials are also prohibited.

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1. Faculty members may impose one or more of the following sanctions:
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   - Forced withdrawal: the student is required to withdraw from the course. A grade of W will appear on the transcript and there will be no refunds of tuition, fees, or other charges.
   - A failing grade in the course or competency in which the infraction occurred.
   - Recommendation of additional sanctions: The faculty member, in cases of an especially serious nature, may recommend to the AVP/Dean the imposition of additional penalties, including those listed in this Code for misconduct.
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