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Ray (not his real name) was the third MBA student whom I was supervising. Despite this being my third supervision, I felt rather uneasy about this particular supervision probably because his area of research has little resemblance to my current work and my expertise. This was unlike my previous two MBA students whose research areas coincided with my interest. Nevertheless, like all professionals, I carried on with my supervisory duties as usual.

Ray made the effort to meet up with me to discuss his work; upon which I began to understand his work better. At that time, I had planned to steer his research focus into something that would be of interest to both of us. However, from the moment I understood his research topic, I allowed Ray to continue with his work and to decide for himself whether he would like to change his research area a little bit or to look for another supervisor who might be interested with his research work.

Ray, at that time, was a student in an MBA course that I taught. There were a few occasions when he turned up late during class and he explained that he had to balance a part time job and studying. Other than the late turn ups for class, I found that Ray was a bright student. Our first few meetings went well. Ray had even emailed me his first and second chapters.

However, this chain of events took a serious turn when Ray suddenly kept silent and refrained from using the emails in our correspondence. Ray was also not submitting chapters as was required by the timeline of