Professor fired for copying plagiarism guidelines

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An English professor at Carleton University has been fired, after an investigation concluded he was guilty of plagiarism. Michael Smith's employment was terminated this Wednesday following a brief investigation by university officials. It began on Monday when a student in his class noticed that the plagiarism guidelines in the course outline looked suspiciously familiar.

"When I saw it, I knew immediately that something seemed fishy," complained the student, Tim Connors. After looking back at several of his previous courses, the student immediately realized that Smith had copied the guidelines from another English professor, and contacted the proper authorities. When confronted about the plagiarism, Smith said flippantly, "I don't get what the big deal is, I just asked a friend for some help. I copied like 4 lines."

Dr. Smith's firing is not good enough for Connors. "He lied, he cheated, and he basically is an awful person that should never see the light of day again. I've never been so disappointed with a teacher before. People really need to understand the severity of the situation."

The victim, fellow professor Dale Monty was quoted as saying, "I did not in any way shape or form give Mike those documents. He broke into my house at night and copied those 4 lines. Anyone who says otherwise is

Dr. Smith's mugshot

a delusional liar. I would never let anyone copy 4 lines, because we all know how big of a deal this is."

Police have not commented on whether Smith is going to be charged with war crimes, which is listed as one of the punishments of plagiarism in the document he copied.