My name is Alex Murphy, and you may know me as Robocop. I do not agree with the message stated in the article by Leandro L. Minku. Artificial intelligence is not equal to human intelligence. Humans are aware of situations around them. They are conscious beings. They make decisions and, whether they register them or not, they have emotions. From my own experience as both fully human and, for a time, fully robot, I know that a machine cannot relate to emotion, accurately interpret, or make decisions to the same extent that a human can.

Although machines can be programmed to sense emotions, they cannot relate these feelings to the same degree, which a human can. As a detective, I encounter many different types of people every single day. During interrogations, the interrogated person often becomes nervous, regardless of their innocence or guilt. This could be because the spotlight is on them; they are accused of a crime; or because they actually committed the crime. A machine cannot emotionally connect to a person. They do not feel a need for relationships nor do they have emotions. In order to relate to a person’s emotion, you have to have felt that emotion. A machine is not conscious and therefore it has never experienced emotions in any form. So, it could never fully understand what is psychologically happening.

A machine could never interpret emotions as accurately as humans can. A robot does not have the same logic that a person talking to another person has. No robot can accurately detect sarcasm, irony, or even a joke. Machines could not register the fact that, even though a person physically shows that they are nervous or angry, they are not necessarily the criminal. You can be nervous but excited and anxious all at the same time. That is something the machine may be able to detect, but they will not be able to answer the question of why. Why are you feeling this emotion? Are you scared because you are a criminal? Maybe you were on your way to a meeting and are now late? All of these are possibilities, but a machine would not hesitate to conclude that, because you feel this way, you are the criminal. But, maybe you are not.

A machine has no decision to make; it does as it is programed. When I was fully robotic, I was not able to think: only act. Every movement was out of my control. I was not able to recognize my closest friends and their fears. I attacked a man not only in front of my son but also in public, which is an action I normally would have thoroughly evaluated but was unable to. A machine is not fully aware of the environment; therefore, it has no hesitation or doubt. These human reactions are needed to fully interpret a situation and avoid rash decisions, which could have lasting consequences. Using advanced technology does help with facial recognition, but that does not mean it can accurately interpret emotions or the accused. A balance is necessary between human and machine. We must understand that, because a machine is not conscious, it cannot possibly relate, must less understand.