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Two Oakdale Police Officers Use Their Passion for Music to Connect with the Community

Two Oakdale Police officers are strengthening the department's relationship with the community by sharing their love of music in a new music video.

"I'm glad we can show our community that police officers aren't just robots," said Officer Jefferson Yega. "And it was a great experience to connect with Jordan outside of policing."

Officer Yega has been singing since he was 11 years old. When he joined OPD nearly a year ago, he discovered that one of his fellow officers, Jordan Tapia, was a trained pianist. At the suggestion of Chief of Police Jerry Ramar for them to collaborate on a song, the two officers combined their talents to create a cover of country singer Jimmie Allen's 'Best Shot'.

"It's important that our community see our officers wear different hats," said Chief of Police Ramar. "I'm proud of the work they do for our community and proud of their many talents."

First, Officer Tapia recorded himself playing 'Best Shot' on the piano. He sent the recording to Officer Yega who added his vocals in the studio. The music video has been viewed thousands of times since OPD shared the video on its Facebook page. Officers Yega and Tapia are available for on-camera interviews. Their music video can be viewed <https://fb.watch/bddbbn8vKw/>.