



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

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NIBIN Branch, Firearms Programs Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Week of January 1, 2007

The Columbus Police Department (OH) using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to the arrest of a suspect carrying a concealed weapon. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shooting near a residence. When the police arrived at the scene the officers located the victim who stated that he was in the driveway, when a vehicle pulled up. The suspect got out and fired multiple shots at the victim, then fled in the car. The Columbus Fire Department, Emergency Medical Unit transported the victim to the hospital, where he was treated for a gunshot wound to the abdomen. One shell casing was recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Ten days later, Columbus Police Officers arrested a suspect for carrying a concealed firearm. The officers seized two pistols, which were submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. The use of the IBIS system identified cartridge casings from two incidents as having been fired from the same firearm. The two incidents, which occurred over a period of ten days in Columbus, involved an aggravated assault shooting and an arrest for carrying a concealed weapon.

Week of January 8, 2007

The Columbus Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence that was recovered during an aggravated assault to an armed robbery that occurred eight days later. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shooting incident in an alley. No one was at the scene when the officers arrived. The officers determined it was an aggravated assault, felony theft. Three shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Eight days later, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a report of an armed robbery. When the officers arrived, they located a victim, who stated that two men were involved in the robbery of her apartment. Within two hours, the officers made two arrests and seized a pistol. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. The Lab's use of the NIBIN System identified cartridge casings from two incidents as having been fired from the same firearm. The two incidents, which occurred over a period of eight days in Columbus, involved an Aggravated Assault and an Armed Robbery.

Week of January 15, 2007

The Grand Rapids (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a suspect arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. The Grand Rapids Police Department responded to a call for a burglary in progress at a residence. When the police arrived, they detained a suspect hiding behind a screen door. During the investigation, the officers learned that the subject had been with a friend in a second residence, when someone came into the house and began chasing him. He indicated that he broke free of the suspect and during the escape; he heard three shots being fired. He then ran into the first house, not with the intention of burglarizing, but to seek help. Officers returned to the second residence where the shooting took place. Several shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Four days later, Grand Rapid Police Officers were investigating a carrying a concealed weapon complaint, which turned into a high risk vehicular pursuit on the suspect. The suspect crashed into another vehicle and then fled the scene on foot with the officers giving chase. The suspect was eventually arrested and the search of his vehicle revealed a large amount of cocaine and a pistol. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Michigan State Police Department Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the shooting that occurred four days earlier.

