



# ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

January 3 – January 10, 2005

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

## **Week of January 3, 2005**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg (NC) Police Department used the NIBIN system to confirm the ballistic match of a test fire from a .40-caliber pistol recovered during a routine traffic stop to shell casings found at the scene of an armed robbery less than a month earlier. Officers from Charlotte-Mecklenburg responded to a shooting outside a club where an armed suspect in the parking lot approached the victim. The victim attempted to run and the suspect shot at him to make him stop. The suspect then robbed and pistol-whipped the victim. The suspect left in a vehicle with two other males. Police recovered a shell casing and had it entered into NIBIN. Less than a month later, officers from Charlotte-Mecklenburg recovered a .40-caliber pistol while conducting a traffic stop. The driver had no identification and told police he had the pistol in the car console. Officers obtained consent to search the vehicle and found crack cocaine inside the vehicle and a shotgun in the trunk. The pistol was test fired and imaged into NIBIN resulting in the link to the armed robbery a month earlier.

## **Week of January 10, 2005**

The Syracuse (NY) Police Department used the NIBIN system to confirm the match of a 9mm pistol recovered from a suspect during an arrest to ballistic evidence recovered in three shooting incidents over a three-month period. Syracuse Police responded to a shooting scene where the victim told the officers three armed suspects approached him and his girlfriend and demanded entry into the victim's house. The victim refused, ran to the street and was shot in the leg by one of the suspects as they fled. A witness identified two of the suspects. Several 9mm shell casings were found and entered into NIBIN. Three weeks later officers responded to another scene and found a victim who had been shot in both legs by the passenger of a vehicle driving by. One of the victim's friends identified the shooter and stated it was to prevent revenge for a robbery of him and the victim that had been unreported. Police recovered several 9mm casings at the scene and imaged them into NIBIN. Three weeks later police responded to a scene where a vehicle had been hit by gunfire. The driver was a witness in the second shooting. Police recovered several 9mm shell casings and projectiles, which were imaged into NIBIN. More than two months later two subjects wanted on several active felony warrants were spotted in a vehicle. Police pursued and stopped them. During the arrest, police found a 9mm pistol on one of the suspects. The weapon was test fired and imaged into NIBIN resulting in a link to the three shootings. It was also found that the gun had been reported stolen out of New York City.