



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

February 11 – February 18, 2008

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

Week of February 11, 2008

The Sacramento (CA) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an arrest of a person carrying a concealed weapon. The Sacramento Police Department Officers responded to an assault with a deadly weapon call. When the officers arrived, they located the victim who stated he was standing outside when three males walked up and asked where he was from and shot him. He was transported to the hospital for medical attention. Officers searched the area and recovered a spent shell casing near the vehicle where the victim had been standing. The casing recovered at the scene was submitted for entry into NIBIN. Two and half weeks later, Sacramento Police Department Officers and Detectives were in an area on routine patrol. The area is known to officers as a high narcotic and gang activity area. Officers observed several known subjects kneeling in a circular fashion in the street playing dice for money. Officers advised the subjects that it was illegal to play dice for money. Officers knew that a few of the subjects were on searchable probation. Officers searched one of the subject's vehicles and located a loaded handgun underneath the driver's seat. The subject was arrested. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Sacramento County, California Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence which was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred two and a half weeks earlier.

Week of February 18, 2008

The Battle Creek (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a drive by shooting to an arrest of suspects with several outstanding arrest warrants. The Battle Creek Police Department Officers responded to a call of a report of shots fired. When they arrived, officers met with the residents who indicated that someone drove by and shot at them. Ten shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Seven days later, Battle Creek Police Officers were on patrol, where they initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. Initially, the vehicle failed to stop when the police activated their emergency equipment. After a brief pursuit, the vehicle stopped. Both male suspects were arrested on various traffic violations and outstanding arrest warrants. The Officers recovered a scale and a plastic baggie of cocaine out of the vehicle. They also recovered open intoxicants and a weapon. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Battle Creek Police Department. The firearm was a match to the ballistic evidence which was recovered during the drive by shooting that occurred seven days earlier.