



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

February 23 – March 9, 2009

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

Week of February 23, 2009

The Orange County (FL) Sheriff's Office using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an armed robbery that occurred less than a month later. The Orange County SO responded to a shooting incident. When the officers arrived, they learned that three armed males had forced their way into the residence in an attempt to rob the victims. Two of the suspects fired shots and then all three fled the residence. One of the victims received a slight wound. Three shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Laboratory in Orlando. Less than a month later, the Orange County SO responded to a call for an armed robbery at the dollar store. The officers interviewed the store manager and another employee who stated that two male suspects entered the store and committed a robbery. The incident was captured on a surveillance video and the tape was provided to the officers, subsequently it was released to the media and a tip was received the next day. Officers responded to an address and the two suspects were arrested. Officers recovered two firearms from the residence. The seized firearms were test fired, entered into NIBIN at the FDLE Laboratory and matched the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred less than a month earlier. The suspect admitted committing the armed robbery as well as another armed robbery of another store.

Week of March 2, 2009

The Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (LA) using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during three shootings to a triple homicide and two aggravated assaults. In Jefferson Parish Louisiana, three shootings over a six month period resulted in a triple homicide and two aggravated assaults. During the same time period another homicide shooting occurred wherein the deceased had owned a handgun which was missing when he was killed. Two casings from his handgun were recovered from his home and submitted for entry into NIBIN at the Jefferson Parish LA Firearms Laboratory, those casings matched the other three shootings. All three shootings were linked to his handgun.

March 9, 2009

The Phoenix (AZ) Police Department used NIBIN to link evidence recovered during three separate shooting incidents to an arrest of a suspect carrying a concealed firearm. In the first incident, Phoenix P.D. responded to a shooting incident at a residence. Approximately two weeks later, Phoenix P.D. responded to another shooting incident at a residence. One day later, the Phoenix P.D. responded to another shooting incident at a business. Phoenix P.D. recovered the spent ammunition from each shooting scene and coordinated their entry into NIBIN. Less than a month later, Phoenix P.D. attempted to stop an armed suspect walking down the middle of the street instead of the available sidewalk. A foot chase ensued, the officers drew their firearms, and eventually the suspect surrendered to arrest. A NIBIN test-fire entry of the suspect's firearm matched the three previous shooting incidents.