



# ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

March 10 – April 14, 2008

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

## **Week of March 10, 2008**

The Youngstown (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a homicide that occurred four days later. Youngstown Police Department Officers responded to a report of an aggravated assault at a gas station. A victim approached the officers and stated that she was parked at the gas pump when occupants of two vehicles began shooting at each other. She said that a bullet flew past her and shattered the windshield. Two shell casings were recovered at the scene of the crime and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Four days later, Youngstown Police Department Officers responded to a shooting incident that occurred outside a residence. When they arrived at the scene the officers located a victim who had been shot and murdered lying across the front seat of a truck. The officers recovered approximately 40 spent shell casings from the street. A semi-automatic pistol was also recovered from behind the truck and was submitted for testing firing and imaged into the IBIS System at the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Identification, Richfield, Northeast Laboratory. The firearm was a match to the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred four days earlier.

## **Week of April 14, 2008**

The Suffolk (VA) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an arrest of an individual with possession of a weapon. The Suffolk Police Department responded to a report of a shooting. When the officers arrived, they learned that a vehicle pulled up to a group of individuals and the passenger began firing a weapon. The officers recovered six casings from the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Several months later, Detectives from the Roselle (NJ) Police department were dispatched to where a narcotics transaction was taking place. When they arrived, they stopped the vehicle involved and recovered a weapon from the passenger. The suspect was put under arrest. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the Virginia State Laboratory at Norfolk. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred several months earlier.