



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

March 12 to March 26, 2007

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

Week of March 12, 2007

The Philadelphia Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence that was recovered during an aggravated assault to a firearm found during the execution of a search warrant several months later. Philadelphia Police Department received a call for a complaint of a shooting with an injury. The victim reported that four unknown males were arguing with his cousin, when someone started shooting and the victim was struck three times. The victim refused to cooperate. Officers recovered 54 shell casings and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Several months later, an ATF task force reported the seizure of numerous firearms resulting from search warrants, involving a major drug trafficking organization. A pistol recovered in one of the searches was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Philadelphia Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault several months earlier.

Week of March 19, 2007

The Metropolitan Police Department of Nashville (MNP) using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered at an aggravated assault to an arrest for possession of a weapon. The Metropolitan Police Department responded to a drive by shooting which damaged a victim's house. The victim reported that her son was in a gang and that she thought a rival gang member did the shooting. The officers recovered a cartridge casing and submitted it for entry into NIBIN. Sixteen days later, MNP Officers stopped an automobile in traffic and during the stop a hand gun was recovered. The suspect was arrested for weapons violation. The hand gun was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Metropolitan Police Department of Nashville. The weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered during the drive by shooting that occurred sixteen days earlier.

Week of March 26, 2007

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered at an armed robbery to an arrest for carrying a concealed weapon. The Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a shooting incident in Columbus, Ohio. When they arrived at the scene, the officers recovered firearm evidence of six shell casings. The casings were submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several months later, the Columbus Police Department Officers initiated a vehicle stop, recovered a rifle and made an arrest for carrying a concealed weapon. The rifle was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. The Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory'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 several months, involved the shooting of a weapon during an armed robbery and the recovery of a rifle during a traffic stop.