



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

April 7 – April 21, 2008

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

Week of April 7, 2008

The Detroit (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a homicide to a self inflicted gunshot wound incident that occurred several months later. Detroit Police Department Officers were on patrol when they were flagged down by a citizen who directed them to a male victim who was lying on the ground nearby. The officers observed a male victim who was suffering from several gunshot wounds. The victim was taken to the local hospital but did not survive. Five shell casings were recovered at the scene of the crime and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several months later, Officers of the Detroit Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they learned from the male victim that he was playing with his father's gun and accidentally shot himself. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Detroit Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the homicide that occurred several months earlier. Investigation is continuing to link the firearm owner to the prior homicide shooting death.

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.

Week of April 21, 2008

The Columbus Ohio Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a shooting incident to an aggravated assault that occurred three days later. Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a report of a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they recovered six shell casings at the scene. The shell casings recovered were submitted for entry into NIBIN. Three days later Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a shooting incident, which they classified as an aggravated assault. Two victims stated that an unknown subject fired a weapon in their direction. During the investigation the officers recovered shell casings and a pistol and submitted this evidence for test firing and imaging into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Departments Crime Laboratory. This recovered weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence that was collected at the shooting incident that occurred three days earlier.