



# ATF NIBIN Program

## Hit of the Week

February - March 2007

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

### **Week of April 16, 2007**

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during a shots fired incident to an arrest for carrying a concealed weapon. The Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a shots fired incident which occurred in an alley. When the officers arrived they recovered one shell casing and submitted it for entry into NIBIN. Several months later, the Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a report of a man with a gun. When the officers arrived, they pursued the man into a residence and recovered a pistol. The pistol 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 eight months, involved a shots- fired incident and an offense for carrying a concealed weapon.

### **Week of April 23, 2007**

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during two separate aggravated assault incidents to an arrest made for carrying a concealed weapon. The Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a shooting incident in Ohio. When they arrived they determined that the incident was an aggravated assault. Six shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several days later, the Columbus Police Department responded to a report of a drive by shooting. Two shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several months after the two incidents, the Columbus Police Department Officers arrested a suspect for carrying a concealed weapon. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at both aggravated assault incidents, which occurred several months earlier.

### **Week of April 30, 2007**

The Cleveland (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during a shots fired incident to an aggravated assault incident that occurred two weeks later. The Cleveland Police Department responded to a shooting incident in a nearby neighborhood. When the officers arrived, the victim stated that he was in his residence when he heard multiple gunshots. His front window was shattered by gunfire. The victim heard a male outside yell "are you shot"? He then saw a small four door vehicle drive away. The Crime Scene Unit recovered 14 shell casings and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Two weeks later, Cleveland Police Department responded to a report of a person down and shots fired in a neighborhood. When the officers arrived, they realized that there were two victims injured. One victim suffered a gunshot wound to the torso, he was semi-conscious. The second victim suffered a shot in the right buttock, he was conscious, but would not supply any information. The Cleveland Fire Department, Emergency Medical Unit and Fire Rescue Squad transported the victims to the hospital. Police recovered a pistol and 10 shell casings. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Cleveland Police Department Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the shots fired incident that occurred two weeks earlier.