



ATF NIBIN Program Hits of the Week

May 16 to May 23, 2005

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

Week of 5/16:

The Oklahoma City (OK) Police Department confirmed the match of a test fire from a pistol recovered from a suspect in a known gang activity area to ballistic evidence collected at the scene of a shooting six months earlier. In the first incident, Police responded to a call reporting a shooting and located a victim who said he was walking to a store when a car drove up and the passenger yelled at him. The unknown suspect got out of the car and approached the victim. The victim knocked him backwards and ran to his home. When he looked back, he saw the suspect pointing a gun at him and heard several gunshots. Officers found a shell casing at the scene and submitted it for entry into NIBIN. Six months later, Police stopped a vehicle for traffic violations in an area known for high intensity gang activity. The driver of the car began to run and the officers pursued him. During the pursuit, the suspect pulled out a handgun, turned and fired at the officers. The officers returned fire, wounding the suspect in the leg. The suspect was arrested. The suspect's handgun was test fired and imaged into NIBIN, which resulted in a match to the casing found at the scene of the first shooting. The investigation is ongoing.

Week of 5/23:

The Santa Ana (CA) Police Department's use of the NIBIN system enabled them to link a pistol recovered from a suspect arrested for several felony violations to ballistic evidence recovered at the scene of a shooting less than three weeks earlier. Santa Ana Police were called to the scene of a shooting outside an apartment complex where they located a victim suffering from several gunshot wounds. A witness told police she and the victim were sitting on the steps of the complex when a car drove by containing several occupants. A short time later two of the occupants of the vehicle walked up to the victim and witness and one of the suspects pointed a handgun at them. The witness began to run and heard several gunshots. The witness returned a short time later and found the victim lying on the steps bleeding from gunshot wounds. Police collected several shell casings at the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Nineteen days later, Santa Ana Police responded to a call reporting two suspects that were hiding guns on the roof of the caller's garage. When police arrived, the suspects were hiding in the yard of the home and a police canine was sent in to search the yard. Police recovered two loaded handguns from the roof of the garage and arrested the two suspects on weapons and probation charges. The firearms were submitted to the lab for test firing and entry into NIBIN, resulting in one of the guns being linked to the ballistic evidence recovered in the shooting at the apartment complex.