



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

May 28 – June 11, 2007

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

Week of May 28, 2007

The Pittsburg (PA) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an arrest for possession of a weapon and drug paraphernalia. The Pittsburg Police Department Officers responded to a shooting incident in Pittsburg. Upon arrival officers located the victim sitting on the street with three bullet wounds. A witness stated that the victim was in an argument with three other males. He began shooting at the three, and they returned fire. Two shell casings were recovered at the scene of the crime and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Two month later, Pittsburgh Police conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle driven by the suspect. As officers approached the vehicle, they saw the suspect trying to close the glove box and when he rolled down his window, the officers detected a strong smell of marijuana. As the suspect got out of the vehicle, officers observed baggies of marijuana and heroin by the driver's seat. The suspect was arrested at the time and police removed a pistol from his waistband. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Allegheny County Medical Examiners Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred two months earlier.

Week of June 4, 2007

The Colorado Springs Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence seized during an attempted murder to an arrest made for carrying a concealed weapon. The Colorado Springs Police Department responded to an attempted murder call. The two suspects fled the scene with the two firearms used during the offense. Several shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation at Pueblo. A few weeks later, the two identified suspects were arrested in New York City during a traffic stop. Two handguns were recovered during their arrest. The handguns were submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the New York City Police Department. These weapons were a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the attempted murder that occurred a few weeks earlier.

Week of June 11, 2007

The Saginaw (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an arrest made for carrying a concealed weapon. The Saginaw Police Department responded to a report of an aggravated assault. When they arrived they discovered that three victims had been seriously injured with multiple gunshot wounds, during a home invasion assault with intent to kill. Physical firearm evidence recovered at the scene of the shooting revealed six firearms were used in the assault and over 40 bullets were fired. The evidence was submitted for examination at the Michigan State Police Laboratory at Bridgeport and samples of the various caliber shell casings were entered into the NIBIN database. Three months later, members of the Washtenaw County Michigan Sheriff's Department while investigating a traffic violation, 100 miles away from the first incident, arrested a driver for the illegal possession of a firearm. The firearm was submitted for test firing and imaged into IBIS at the state Bridgeport Firearms Laboratory for examination. This weapon was a match to some of the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the aggravated assault three months earlier.

