



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

June 2 – June 16, 2008

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

Week of June 2, 2008

The Grand Rapids (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a shooting incident that occurred four months later. Grand Rapids Police Department responded to a report of a shooting. When the officers arrived, they spoke to a witness who indicated that he saw numerous unknown suspects in the area, and then heard gunshots being fired. He also observed a male victim who had been shot in the chest. One shell casing was recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Four months later, officers of the Grand Rapids Police Department responded to a shots fired call. Two male suspects were observed firing a handgun into the air and then they fled into their house. Officers negotiated with the occupants of the house and two male and two female suspects exited and were detained. During the search of the house a semi-automatic handgun was recovered. The weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched to the aggravated assault that occurred four months earlier.

Week of June 9, 2008

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a carrying a concealed weapon incident. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived at the scene, they located a victim who stated that an unknown suspect fired several shots at her while in her residence. Seven Shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Ten days later, Columbus Police Department Officers arrested a suspect for carrying a concealed firearm. The weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched to the aggravated assault that occurred ten days earlier.

Week of June 16, 2008

The Albuquerque Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at an aggravated assault to a negligent use of a firearm arrest. The Albuquerque Police Department responded to a report of a shots fired call. When the officers arrived they discovered that an unknown suspect was in the victim's vehicle and when the victim entered the car, the suspect shot at him two times and then fled the scene. Two shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few months later, Albuquerque Police Officers arrested a male for negligent use of a firearm and possession of alcohol by a minor. The semi-automatic pistol was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the aggravated assault that occurred several months earlier.