



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

June 18 – July 2, 2007

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

Week of June 18, 2007

The Phoenix (AZ) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a homicide and an aggravated assault to an arrest of armed suspects stopped during a traffic stop. The Phoenix Police Department responded to a report of a homicide. When they arrived they discovered the victim had been shot in the back and died. One shell casing was recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few days later, Mesa Police Officers responded to a report of shots fired. When they arrived they discovered that the victim had been standing outside his residence when a suspect vehicle drove by and shot him. Two shell casings were recovered at this shooting scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN at the Mesa Police Department. Several days later, a witness identified the suspects and informed the Mesa Police Department that three firearms had been taken from the suspects by the Tempe Police during a traffic stop a few days earlier. The firearms were found at Tempe and were submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Mesa Police Department. Two of the weapons were a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the homicide and the aggravated assault which occurred several days earlier, thus linking the Mesa and Phoenix shootings. This NIBIN Hit led to the closure of a cold case with no investigative leads. When the suspect was confronted with the NIBIN linked evidence, he confessed to the open homicide.

Week of June 25, 2007

The Plainfield (NJ) Township Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault shooting to an arrest for a homicide. The Plainfield Township Police Department responded to an aggravated assault shooting. When they arrived, they discovered a victim had been shot while out in the street. Six shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN at Union County. Two weeks later, Union County, NJ, Prosecutor's Office reported a homicide by firearm and aggravated assault in Plainfield, NJ. The first victim was shot and killed and the second victim was shot several times. Two suspects were identified and charged with the crimes. Police recovered two (2) firearms during the investigation and arrest of the suspects. The guns were submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Union County, NJ Prosecutor's Office. One of the weapons was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred two weeks earlier in Plainfield.

Week of July 2, 2007

The Phoenix (AZ) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at a homicide to an arrest of an individual with an outstanding warrant. The Phoenix Police responded to a report of a homicide. When they arrived, they discovered the victim had sustained gunshot wounds to the chest and died. One shell casing was recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. One day later, Phoenix Police Department Officers arrested a wanted subject on an arrest warrant. Police officers recovered a pistol holster, in the vicinity of the vehicle from which the suspect fled on foot. A later search where the pursuit began revealed a semi-automatic pistol. The firearm was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Phoenix Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the homicide that occurred the day before the firearm recovery.

