



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

June 23 – July 7, 2008

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

Week of June 23, 2008

The Grand Rapids Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at an aggravated assault to a carrying a concealed weapon incident. The Grand Rapids Police Department was dispatched to a bar on a report of a shooting and when they arrived, they located the victim with several gunshot wounds. Officers learned that the victim was picking up food at the bar, when there was an exchange of words between the male suspect and the victim. As the victim exited the bar the suspect shot him. Four shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few months later, officers of the Grand Rapids Police Department were investigating a vehicle involved in suspected narcotics transactions. As the officers approached, the suspects in the vehicle fled on foot. As one of the passengers ran an officer gave chase and observed the suspect discard a handgun. The handgun was recovered, test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a few months earlier.

Week of June 30, 2008

The New Orleans Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a shots fired call that occurred a day later. New Orleans Police Department responded to a shots fired call and met with a victim who stated he was exiting the bathroom when he encountered a male in the hallway of his residence. The suspect was holding a gun and asked "where is the money?" At this time the suspect and the victim began a struggle over the gun and the suspect shot the victim before fleeing the scene. Several shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. One day later, the New Orleans Police Department responding to a shooting report, began a pursuit of a vehicle with temporary tags. During the chase the vehicle collided into a tree and the three occupants attempted to flee. One of the suspects discarded his pistol and shortly after was apprehended. The recovered weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a day earlier.

Week off July 7, 2008

The Saginaw (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a carrying a concealed weapon incident. The Saginaw Police Department responded to a shots fired call and when they arrived, they met with the victim who stated that while sitting on his porch a vehicle with two suspects drove by and fired multiple shots at the victim. Twenty one casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. On the same day, Saginaw Police Department Officers were on patrol and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle. The two suspects led the police on a brief chase before being stopped. The driver was arrested at the scene and the passenger ran to a nearby porch where he was arrested. Next to the suspect, officers recovered cocaine and marijuana, as well as a semi-automatic pistol. The recovered weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a few hours earlier.