



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

July 6 – July 19, 2004

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

Week of July 6, 2004

The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department linked a firearm recovered in a traffic stop to a shooting nine months earlier by using ballistic imaging through NIBIN. The victim in the first incident was shot in the street outside a local bar after getting into a fight with the suspect. Responding officers recovered cartridge casings at the scene and imaged them into NIBIN. Approximately nine months later, the Police recovered a stolen pistol during a traffic stop. The pistol was test fired and imaged into NIBIN resulting in the link to the shooting outside the bar. The suspect was arrested and charged with firearms violations.

Week of July 19, 2004

The New Orleans, Louisiana, Police Department linked a handgun recovered from a suspect in an area known for high crime and drug activity to a homicide 43 days earlier. Police responded to the scene of a shooting where they found a victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Responding officers recovered spent cartridge casings and bullets and had them imaged into NIBIN. Forty-three days later officers observed a suspicious individual while patrolling a high crime area. The suspect began to flee and the officers pursued him. The suspect aimed a handgun at one of the officers who fired in his direction. The suspect was arrested, the firearm recovered and test fired and matched to the evidence recovered in the homicide.