



# ATF NIBIN Program

## Hit of the Week

July 30 – August 13, 2007

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

### **Week of July 30, 2007**

The Laredo (TX) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at a homicide to another homicide that occurred a few months later. The Laredo Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived they discovered a truck had several bullet holes in the windshield and the driver's side window. In the front seat was a dead victim. Witnesses stated they heard the gunshots and saw a male running from the truck into his car and sped away. Fifteen shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few months later, Laredo Police Department Officers responded to a shots fired call, which occurred in the parking lot of a restaurant. Witnesses reported hearing approximately nine gunshots in the parking lot by the main entrance of the restaurant. Other witnesses reported a male fleeing the scene and entering a vehicle that was occupied by three additional male suspects. As the officers approached the scene they saw a car fleeing from the restaurant, they followed the vehicle until it pulled into the emergency room entrance of a medical center. When the officers approached the car, they discovered two shooting victims inside. During the course of the investigation, five firearms were recovered and submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Bexar County Crime Laboratory. One of the weapons was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the homicide that occurred a few months earlier.

### **Week of August 6, 2007**

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at an armed robbery to a homicide that occurred eight hours later. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they located a victim, who stated that he had been the victim of an armed robbery. He said that while walking down the street, a suspect approached him, produced a gun, fired several shots and demanded his wallet. Several shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Eight hours later, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a report of a person shot. When the officers arrived they located the victim, who due to his medical condition could not provide a statement. During the search of the crime scene the officers recovered a firearm and it was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the armed robbery that occurred eight hours earlier.

### **Week of August 13, 2007**

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during two separate aggravated assaults to a recovery of a weapon during a search warrant. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived they located three victims who stated that they were in an automobile when an unknown suspect began shooting at them, shattering front and rear passenger side windows and rear windshield. Six shell casings were recovered from the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Six months later, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to another shooting incident. Upon arriving, the officers determined that the incident was an aggravated assault. The unknown assailants were shooting at and into an occupied automobile. Six shell casings were recovered from the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Less than a year later, Columbus Police Department, Narcotics Bureau executed a search warrant at an apartment complex. In addition to narcotics related evidence the officers recovered a pistol. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at both of the previous aggravated assaults.