



# ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

August 20 – September 3, 2007

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

## **Week of August 20, 2007**

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at an aggravated assault to another aggravated assault that occurred a day later. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived they determined that the incident was an aggravated assault. Nine shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A day later, police officers responded to a call for shots fired into a residence. During the investigation, a pistol was recovered. The firearm was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a day earlier.

## **Week of August 27, 2007**

The Houston (TX) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at a homicide to an arrest of wanted gang members. The Houston Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived they located two victims who stated they were in the parking lot of an apartment complex when shots were fired at them. The first victim was shot in the neck and the back of the head. The second victim also received multiple gun shot wounds and they were both transported to the hospital. The second victim was pronounced dead on arrival. Eleven shell casings were recovered from the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several days later, arrest teams made up of homicide sergeants, ATF agents, SWAT, gang unit, and patrol officers went to eight different locations and executed arrest and search warrants on a group of gang members. Many of the gang members were arrested and charged. Nine firearms were recovered and submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Houston Police Department's Firearms Laboratory. Two of the weapons were a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the homicide which occurred several days earlier.

## **Week of September 3, 2007**

The Mobile (AL) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at an aggravated assault to another aggravated assault that occurred a few months later. The Mobile Police Department responded to a shooting incident. When the officers arrived the victim stated that the shooting occurred because he was arguing with someone over damage to a cell phone and the fact that the victim refused to make restitution. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of a gun shot wound. Three shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few months later, officers responded to another shooting incident. The call for police service resulted in the arrest of a female crack user and prostitute for discharging a firearm in the city, possessing a firearm without a permit and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was taken to the hospital for treatment prior to placement in jail. A pistol, magazine and 5 live rounds were recovered. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Alabama Department of Forensic Science at Mobil. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a few months earlier.