



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

September 8 – September 15, 2008

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

Week of September 8, 2008

The Portland (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to another aggravated assault that occurred a few months later. The Portland Bureau Officers responded to a shooting in an intersection and discovered that a male had been shot while driving his vehicle. The passenger in the vehicle was injured after the car crashed. Witnesses stated that a van with three males drove up next to the car and started to shoot at the two occupants. Ten shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few months later, Gresham (OH) Police Department officers were flagged down by a victim who informed them that she had been assaulted by being struck with a handgun and received medical attention. She told the officers where the assault occurred and that the suspect was still there. The officers made contact with the suspect from outside his apartment. The suspect gave officers consent to go inside the apartment and retrieve the gun. He admitted he had an altercation with the victim and hit her with the gun. The weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a few months earlier.

Week of September 15, 2008

The Columbus (OH) Police Departments use of NIBIN linked evidence recovered during four different incidents as having been fired from the same firearm. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shooting incident. When they arrived they located the victim who stated that two male suspects threatened him by shooting at him. The officers recovered one casing at the scene and submitted it for entry into NIBIN. A month later Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a report of an armed robbery. The victim was identified and one shell casing was recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Three days later, the Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a report of a shots fired call, once they arrived they determined that the incident was an armed robbery. One shell casing was recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few months later, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to another shooting incident. When they arrived they determined it was an aggravated assault. The officers developed information regarding the identity of the suspect and he was apprehended. The officers recovered a pistol from him. The weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assaults and armed robberies that occurred within a three month period.