



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

September 10 – September 17, 2007

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

Week of September 10, 2007

The Cleveland Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an armed robbery that occurred a month later. The Cleveland Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived they located a victim who stated that a group of young males came to her house and one of them had a gun and shot at the house several times. The victim stated her granddaughter had a physical altercation with one of the suspects. He came into the house and started shooting at them. Two shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A month later, Cleveland Police Department Officers responded to a report of a person shot. When they arrived the officers located a victim who stated that the suspect pulled up next to him and demanded money. The victim told him he didn't have any money. The suspect then got out of his vehicle and as the victim ran down the street, he shot him in the back. The Cleveland Fire Department, Emergency Medical Squad transported the victim to the hospital where he was admitted for treatment for gunshot wounds. During the investigation, one firearm was recovered and submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Cleveland Police Department Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a month earlier.

Week of September 17, 2007

The Cleveland Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at an aggravated assault to a second aggravated assault that occurred two months later. The Cleveland Police Department responded to a shooting incident which occurred in front of a residence. When the officers arrived they located two victims who stated that one of them had an argument with his friend. The friend was seen driving through the neighborhood with a male believed to be a suspect in the shooting. The suspect exited the car, walked towards one of the victims and began to shoot. Both victims ran into a residence while the suspect continued to shoot. Many bullet holes were located on and around the front door and windows. The bullets entered interior walls and furniture. Several shell casings were recovered from the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Two months later, University Heights Police Officers responded to another shooting incident. The witness reported that a vehicle passed through the neighborhood a few times and pulled into a driveway a few houses away from a group of young people. The front seat passenger exited the car and began to shoot into the crowd, hitting an 18 year old male. The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for gunshot wounds. The officer went to the area where the shooting took place and during his search found shell casings and a pistol in the street. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Identification, Northeast Laboratory at Richfield, Ohio. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred two months earlier in Cleveland.