



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

September 24 – October 1, 2007

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

Week of September 24, 2007

The Columbus Police Department using NIBIN linked a weapon recovered during an arrest of an individual to four previous shooting incidents. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they recovered three shell casings at the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. A day later, Columbus Police Department responded to a report of a person shot. When the officers arrived, they located a victim who stated that an unknown person walked up to the window and fired several rounds into the residence. A female resident was struck in the stomach by one round. The Columbus Fire Department Emergency unit transported the victim to the hospital, where she was treated for gunshot wounds. Six shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several hours later, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a shooting incident which occurred at an apartment complex. When the officers arrived, they located a victim who stated that he saw an unknown male fire several shots from a handgun into the air. Three shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A month later, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to another shots fired call. One shell casing was recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few months later Columbus Police Department Offices arrested an individual for carrying a concealed weapon. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. The Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory's use of the NIBIN system identified cartridge casings from four incidents as having been fired from the recovered firearm.

Week of October 1, 2007

The Colorado Springs Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an arrest of three men in New York who were carrying concealed weapons. The Colorado Springs Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived, they spoke to the victim, who stated that he was in an argument with a former U.S. Army Soldier who was his associate in a rap music venture. The soldier shot the victim several times at the victim's place of residence, then fled the scene as the police arrived. Several shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few weeks later, the New York Police Department made a traffic stop and arrested a suspect and his associates for possession of firearms, in the Bronx, NY. The firearms recovered were submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the New York Police Department. One of the weapons was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred in Colorado a few weeks earlier.