



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

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

Week of October 2, 2006

The Canton (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to another aggravated assault that occurred two weeks later, in Canton. The Canton Police Department responded to a shooting incident in a neighborhood. When the police arrived, they located several witnesses who reported that they heard five shots fired. One of the witnesses came down from her apartment and provided first aid on the victim. He was transported to the local hospital. Another witness observed six or seven males flee on foot down the street. The victim stated that while he was on his uncle's front porch, a group of males approached him and asked to use the house to sell drugs. When the victim refused, one of the males began shooting at him. Five shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Two weeks later, Canton Police responded to a shooting incident in a neighborhood in Canton. When the police officers arrived they located the victim and complainant, who stated that two unknown males came to the front door, and when the victim opened the door, the suspect said, in a threatening tone, "this is for Jason". When the victim closed the door, the suspect went to the rear of the house. The suspects then drew weapons and fired two rounds and fled the scene. The officers recovered two shell casings, which were submitted for entry into the NIBIN system at the Canton/Stark County Crime Laboratory. The use of the NIBIN system identified cartridge casings from two incidents as having been fired from the same firearm. The two incidents, which occurred over a period of two weeks, involved two aggravated assault shootings.

Week of October 9, 2006

The Kansas City (MO) Police Department using NIBIN, linked ballistic evidence during a shooting incident to a stolen vehicle incident that occurred a month later. Kansas City Police Department responded to a shots fired, at a residence. When the police arrived, they located the victim who stated an unknown had fired several gun shots at his residence, and a bullet went through his front window. Photographs were taken of several bullet holes in the residence. Several shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A month later, the Kansas City Police Department was dispatched to assist officers conduct an area canvas for two suspects that had fled from a stolen vehicle that was possibly used in a robbery. The two suspects were taken into custody. During the search of the vehicle, the officer found a semi-automatic rifle behind the driver seat. The firearm was submitted for test firing and the spent shell casings were imaged and correlated into the IBIS system at the Kansas City Police Department Regional Laboratory. The weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the shooting that occurred a month earlier.

Week of October 16, 2006

The Canton (OH) Police Department using NIBIN, linked ballistic evidence during two separate aggravated assault incidents to a possession of a weapon incident that occurred a month later. Canton Police Department responded to a shots fired. When the police arrived, they located the victim who stated that an unknown suspect discharged a firearm at him. The gunshots missed the victim, but struck his vehicle. The police officers recovered firearm evidence and four shell casings, which were submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several hours later, the Canton Police Department responded to another report of a shots fired. When the officers arrived at the scene, they learned that the victim was transported to the hospital in his own vehicle. Upon arriving at the hospital, the officers determined that the victim suffered serious gunshot wounds to the abdomen and the leg. The officers recovered firearm evidence, and three shell casings which were submitted for entry into NIBIN. A month later, Canton Police seized from a residence, firearm evidence, including a box containing thirty seven (37) cartridges and a pistol. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Canton/Stark County Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at both incidents which occurred a month earlier.