



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

October 8 – October 15, 2007

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

Week of October 8, 2007

The Stockton (CA) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault incident to an arrest made for a homicide that occurred a month later. Stockton officers investigated a shooting incident wherein the victim suffered gunshot wounds and was treated at a local hospital. A witness who was with the shooting victim reported a vehicle drove by and fired multiple shots at them. Shell casings were recovered at the shooting scene by police and entered into the NIBIN database. A month later, Stockton Police Department investigated another shooting incident with the victim also shot but the gunshot wounds were fatal and he was pronounced dead at the hospital. A witness in this case told the police what vehicle the suspects were driving and the area where they could be located. During the homicide investigation a search warrant was served on a suspect home and the homicide weapon was recovered under the suspect's bed. A test fired casing from the recovered weapon was entered into NIBIN and immediately linked the two shooting incidents.

Week of October 15, 2007

The Battle Creek Police Department using NIBIN linked a weapon found during an investigation at a residence, to three gang related shooting incidents. The Battle Creek Police Department responded to a report of a shots fired. When they arrived, a victim indicated that while in his vehicle, a suspect approached and fired several shots at him. Ten shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Three days later, officers from the Battle Creek Police Department while monitoring the closing of a bar, heard numerous gunshots fired. Three victims indicated that while driving away from the bar, a suspect started shooting at them. Officers recovered 16 shell casings at the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Two months later, officers responded to another shots fired call, where the victim was transported to the hospital for multiple gunshot wounds. Officers recovered five shell casings at the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. One day later, officers from the Battle Creek Police Department responded to another shots fired call. A witness indicated that there were shots fired at the vehicle parked in front of the house. While the officers were interviewing the witnesses, the suspect vehicle was observed, stopped and investigated. Subsequent investigations led to a search of the suspect's residence, where they recovered a semi-automatic pistol. The pistol was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Battle Creek Police Department. It was determined that it was the same weapon used during the previous shooting incidents.