



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

October 22 – October 29, 2007

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

Week of October 22, 2007

The Stockton (CA) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a drive by shooting, to a weapon recovered at a traffic stop. The Stockton Police Department responded to a report of a shots fired call. When the officers arrived they located three victims suffering from gunshot wounds. One of them stated they were sitting outside, when a vehicle drove by and started shooting. After speaking with witnesses, officers believe more than one hand gun may have been used. Several shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few days later, Stockton Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop. Officers recognized the driver as having a suspended license. When the passenger opened the car door, officers saw a magazine for a semi-automatic handgun on the seat, loaded with live bullets. The police officers recovered a hand gun from under the front passenger seat. The hand gun was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Stockton Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the drive by shooting that occurred a few days earlier. After further investigation, it was determined the hand gun was purchased in Arizona.

Week of October 29, 2007

The Columbus (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during several aggravated assault incidents to two armed robberies. The Columbus Police responded to a shooting incident. When the officers arrived, they located a victim who stated an unknown suspect fired several shots into her house. Two shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. That same day, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to another shots fired call. When they arrived the victim stated that an unknown person drove by and fired sever shots into her residence. Two shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A day later, Columbus Police Department Officers responded to a report of a robbery. When they arrived the victims stated they were shot at and robbed. Four shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. That same day the officers responded to another shooting incident. Three shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A few hours later officers responded to another armed robbery. When they arrived they spoke to the victim who indicated he had been robbed of his wallet by a man with a handgun. The officers developed information and located the suspect. One firearm was recovered and submitted for test firing and imaged into the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assaults and the armed robberies.