



# ATF NIBIN Program

## Hit of the Week

November 17 – November 24, 2008

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

### **Week of November 17, 2008**

The New Castle (DE) County Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during two separate incidents, an aggravated assault and a homicide, to an arrest of a person carrying a concealed weapon. New Castle County Police Officers responded to a call about an aggravated assault. When the officers arrived, they learned that the victim was shot while in front of his residence, he was then transported to the hospital. One shell casing was recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A month later, Wilmington Police Officers responded to a shooting incident. When the officers arrived, they located the victim who had a gunshot wound to the chest. He was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead on arrival. A bullet was recovered from the victim during the autopsy and was submitted for entry into NIBIN. Twelve hours later, the Wilmington Police Officers while on patrol in the area of the homicide, observed four suspicious subjects in the area. When the assisting police officers arrived, they stopped the four suspects. One of the suspects was carrying a concealed pistol. The recovered pistol was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence that was recovered during the aggravated assault. The Delaware State Police Department also compared the bullet removed from the homicide victim to the test fired evidence from the recovered pistol and it was determined that the bullet was also from the same weapon.

### **Week of November 24, 2008**

The Houston Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during two separate aggravated assaults to an arrest of three males for a burglary. The Texas Police Department officers responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived they discovered that an unknown suspect fired several rounds at the victim while in her car. Patrol officers recovered fourteen shell casings at the scene of the crime and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Two days later, Houston Police Department Officers responded to another shots fired call. When the officers arrived, the victim stated that she discovered two suspects breaking into her next door neighbor's residence. When she confronted the burglars they yelled at her to get back in her house and fired shots at her. Four casings were recovered at the scene and entered into NIBIN at the Houston Police Department's Laboratory. Several days later, Houston Police Department Officers were called for a report of a burglary. When the officers arrived they spoke to the victim who stated that when he had returned to his residence, his house had been burglarized and gave officers a list of items that were stolen. The items included a shotgun and pistol. After the police officers left, a neighbor stopped by the victim's residence and advised that he saw a vehicle at his residence and three males went into this house. Later that day patrol officers stopped a vehicle that was suspected of being involved in a burglary that occurred in the prior week. The officers observed a pistol in the rear passenger floor board. The three males were arrested for numerous burglaries. The recovered pistol was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence that was recovered during the aggravated assaults that occurred several days earlier.