



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

December 2006

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

Week of December 11, 2006

The Detroit (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during a shots fired call to a suspect arrested during an executed search warrant. The Detroit Police Department responded to a report of shots fired on the street in Detroit. When the officers arrived, they learned from the two victims and a witness, that while walking down the street, a suspect pulled up behind them in a vehicle and fired several shots at them as they fled between the houses. The police officers recovered eight expended casings that were submitted for entry into NIBIN. A month later, Detroit Police Officers executed a state search warrant at a residence in Detroit, for firearms, narcotics and related paraphernalia. During the course of the drug raid, a male suspect was arrested for possession of a pistol. The firearm was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Detroit Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the shooting that occurred a month earlier.

Week of December 18, 2006

The Columbus Police Department (OH) using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence that was recovered during a shots fired incident and an aggravated assault to the arrest of a suspect carrying a concealed weapon. The Columbus Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived the officers determined that two men were shooting at each other. Two shell casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Nine days later, the Columbus Police Department responded to an aggravated assault. When the officers arrived they located the victim who stated he was stopped at the traffic light, he had received a call on his cell phone. He dropped the cell phone on the floor and bent over to retrieve it. The victim heard multiple gun shots and the rear window of his vehicle shattered, he then collided with a utility pole. Four shell casings from the victim's vehicle were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Three weeks later, the Columbus Police Department made an arrest for carrying a concealed firearm. The officers seized a pistol and it was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Columbus Police Department Crime Laboratory. The use of the NIBIN system identified casing from three incidents as having been fired from the same firearm. The three incidents, which occurred over a period of three weeks, involved a shots fired incident, aggravated assault and an arrest for carrying a concealed weapon.

Week of December 25, 2006

The Detroit Police Department (MI) using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence that was recovered during a shots fired incident to the arrest of a suspect carrying a concealed weapon. The Detroit Police Department responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived, the officers learned from witnesses that occupants in the first vehicle were firing shots at the second vehicle. The second vehicle crashed into a parked car and the first vehicle fled. The passenger of the second vehicle ran around to the driver's side, pushed him out of the way and drove the vehicle away. The officers then learned that a victim from the second vehicle was at the local hospital being treated for gun shot wounds. They located the vehicle in the parking lot, which had extensive gunshot damage. Seven casings were recovered and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Eighteen days later, officers from the Detroit Police Department were on patrol in an area, when they observed a large group of subjects walking and blocking the entire street. As the officers neared the group, they started to run in different directions. The officers noticed one of the suspects was armed with a gun. An exchange of gunfire occurred with the officers with no rounds taking effect. The suspect continued to flee, but was eventually arrested and the firearm was recovered and submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Detroit Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the shooting that occurred eighteen days earlier.

