



# ATF NIBIN Program Hits of the Week

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

**Week of 12/13:** The Shreveport (LA) Police Department used the NIBIN system to confirm the match of .40-caliber cartridge casings recovered in two gang-related shootings over a two-week period. In the first incident Shreveport Police responded to a call for a shooting near an intersection. Police found two victims suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The two victims, along with two other individuals, were attempting to burglarize an establishment when several subjects began to shoot at them and their vehicle. The victims' vehicle crashed into a utility pole while attempting to flee the scene. Officers recovered ballistic evidence at the scene indicating the use of five separate firearms, two pistols and three assault rifles. The casings were imaged into NIBIN. Two weeks later Shreveport Police responded to the scene of a homicide where four subjects driving a stolen van stopped at a convenience store. Shots were exchanged between the subjects in the van and a group of possible gang members near the store. The van was driven to another location where it was abandoned with the body of one of the subjects left inside. Police recovered ballistic evidence at the scene of the shooting, which indicated the use of four separate pistols. The evidence was imaged into NIBIN. One of the .40-caliber pistols used in the second incident was linked to the shooting two weeks earlier. The investigation is ongoing.

**Week of 12/27:** The Miami-Dade Police Department Crime Laboratory used the NIBIN system to confirm the match of a test fire from a .32-caliber pistol recovered in a narcotics investigation to ballistic evidence recovered at the scene of a homicide in Opa Locka (FL) five months earlier. Miami-Dade Police responded to the scene of a shooting in Opa Locka where they found a victim dead on arrival. Police had no suspects, but found several .32-caliber casings and a projectile at the crime scene and imaged them into NIBIN. Five months later Federal and local task force members responded to an anonymous tip that firearms and narcotics were located in an apartment in Opa Locka. A consent search was conducted and task force members found three firearms, including a .32-caliber pistol. The firearms were submitted to the Lab for test firing and entry into NIBIN, resulting in the .32-caliber pistol being linked to the homicide five months earlier.