



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

December 17 – December 31, 2007

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

Week of December 17, 2007

In a Maryland County, a victim was shot by an unknown subject while driving his auto. Police recovered shell casings from the scene of the shooting. Some five days later, in another Maryland City, a victim was shot and killed while on a public street. A suspect was developed in the investigation but no eye witnesses nor evidence could be found to link him to the homicide. Nineteen days later another victim was shot and killed in a Maryland City and his car was stolen during the shooting. The car was later recovered and processed for fingerprint and other evidence. Using NIBIN the three shootings were linked to the same gun. The investigation of the three shootings continues, but the suspect is now identified and due to the linked firearms evidence, he is being pursued as the principal suspect in all three shootings.

Week of December 24, 2007

The Santa Clara County (CA) Police Department using NIBIN linked ballistic evidence recovered during an aggravated assault incident to an armed robbery. The San Jose Police Officers responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived they located a witness who informed officers that she was standing outside a residence waiting for her ride when a vehicle stopped in front of the house and a passenger pointed a hand gun out the window and shot at the subjects standing outside the house. One shell casing was recovered at the crime scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Less than a week later, San Jose Police Officers were dispatched on a report of an armed robbery. A suspect armed with a gun entered the office of a hotel and demanded the clerk's wallet and money from the register and then fled the scene in his vehicle. Approaching officers observed the suspect fleeing and followed him down the street. They located the suspect in an apartment and arrested him. Officers searched the apartment, vehicle and surrounding areas looking for the weapon. Officers talked to the suspect's ex-girlfriend who stated that the suspect hid the weapon in the heater of the apartment. Detectives went back to the residence and located the weapon. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at Santa Clara County. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred less than a week earlier.

Week of December 31, 2007

The Pontiac (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an incident of two men carrying concealed weapons. The officers of the Pontiac Police Department were dispatched to an area on a report of a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they observed a male victim lying on the ground suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers learned from the victim and witnesses that while attending a party, a known male suspect threatened several people with a handgun then left the scene. The suspect returned a short time later and after threatening more people began shooting towards the crowd. As police responded, they observed the suspect fleeing the area and chased him, but he eluded capture and was able to escape. Officers recovered five shell casing from the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. A month later, Pontiac Police Department Officers were investigating a complaint about a man with a gun. When they arrived, officers observed two male suspects. One was in possession of an assault rifle. A second male suspect was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol. The first suspect was arrested and the second suspect dropped the semi-automatic pistol while running down the street. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence which was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred a month earlier.