



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

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The Houston Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to an arrest of individuals carrying a concealed weapon. The Houston Police Department Officers responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they spoke to a victim who stated that she was in her bed, when an unknown suspect fired numerous shots into her apartment. Nine spent shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several months later, Houston Patrol Officers stopped a vehicle after it ran a stop sign and was driving at high speed. Patrol officers observed the driver and front seat passenger suspects passing something to the rear seat passengers. When officers approached the driver suspect, he advised he did not have a driver's license. The driver and the other passengers were hand cuffed and secured. After searching the vehicle, officers located a small bag in the floorboard of the vehicle. The bag contained a pistol, marijuana and a prescription bottle containing crack cocaine. The firearm was test fired, entered into NIBIN at the Houston Police Department firearms laboratory and matched the ballistic evidence recovered during the aggravated assault that occurred several months earlier.