



# ATF NIBIN Program

## Hit of the Week

January 7 - January 21, 2008

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

### **Week of January 7, 2008**

The Youngstown (OH) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at a double homicide to an aggravated assault. Youngstown Police Department responded to a report of a shooting incident. When they arrived they determined the incident was a double homicide. Shell casings were recovered at the crime and submitted for entry into NIBIN at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation, at the Richfield Northeast Laboratory. About five months later, the Youngstown Police Department responded to a report of shots fired in a parking lot. When they arrived at the scene the officers located the victim who stated she was sitting in a car with her friend when someone started shooting at them. The victim and driver both suffered gunshot wounds. The officers recovered four shell casings from the scene of the crime. The shooter was seen running down the street and the Youngstown Officers effected an arrest of the suspect on the basis of a previously issued arrest warrant. Officers recovered a weapon during his arrest and submitted it for test firing and imaged the resulting casings into the IBIS system at the Richfield Northeast Laboratory. The NIBIN system identified cartridge casings from the two incidents as having been fired from the same firearm.

### **Week of January 14, 2008**

The Stark County (OH) Sheriff's Office using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to another aggravated assault that occurred later in the same day. Stark County Sheriff Deputies responded to a report of a shooting incident. At the scene the victim reported his door had been kicked in by intruders who also fired several shots within his apartment and at him. The victim received minor injuries and six shell casings were recovered on the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. That same day, Canton Police Department Officers responded to a shots fired call at another apartment complex. When they arrived at the scene, the officers identified the complainant and determined the gunshots entered the complainant's apartment from the apartment below his. The officers secured the occupant and the apartment where the shots originated from and they located three firearms within. One occupant admitted that he accidentally discharged a weapon and the round went through the floor of the above apartment. The officers transported the two apartment occupants for further investigation and eventual incarceration in the Stark County Jail. The recovered weapons were submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Canton/Stark County Crime Laboratory. One of the weapons was a match to the ballistic evidence, which was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred earlier that day as well as to the shooting where it was seized.

### **Week of January 21, 2008**

The Rochester (NY) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a homicide to an arrest for possession of weapons incident. The Rochester Police Department Officers responded to a call of two men shot. When they arrived they found a victim shot in the chest that later died from the gunshot wounds. The other shot victim stated he did not see who shot them, but that he had been having an altercation with someone who had made threats to shoot him. Four shell casings were found at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several months later officers from ATF, Rochester Police Department and New York State Police executed a search warrant on the residence of a suspect. The suspect had implicated himself in the homicide of a gang member and showed an informant a pistol at his residence. Found pursuant the search were narcotics paraphernalia, various calibers of ammo, several pistols and a rifle. The recovered weapons were submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at Monroe County, New your Public Safety Laboratory in Rochester. One of the pistols was a match to the ballistic evidence which was recovered at the homicide that occurred several months earlier.