



# ATF NIBIN Program

## Hit of the Week

March 24 – March 31, 2008

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

### **Week of March 24, 2008**

The New Haven (CT) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a possession of a weapon incident. New Haven Police Department Officers responded to a report of a shots fired call. Officers located a victim suffering from gunshot wounds. He told officers that he was unable to provide any information in regards to the shooting because he didn't see who shot him. Seven shell casings were recovered at the scene of the crime and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Three months later, New Haven Police Officers, while patrolling the Fair Haven section of New Haven engaged a male in a foot pursuit and recovered a pistol. Investigation by the New Haven ATF determined that the male was an eleven time convicted felon and the firearm was previously straw purchased. He was indicted on Federal charges. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the New Haven Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred three months earlier.

### **Week of March 31, 2008**

The Flint (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a homicide that occurred two months later. The Flint Police Department Officers were dispatched to a club on a report of a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they found two male victims lying on the ground suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to the local hospital. The officers learned from one of the victims that as he was walking towards the parking lot with a group of people, he heard gunshots then was struck and fell to the ground. Officers collected six fired cartridge casing from the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Two months later, Officers of the Flint Police Department were dispatched to the same area on the report of a shooting. When they arrived the officers found two deceased male victims lying on the ground in front of the club. Officers learned from witnesses that two unknown male suspects were observed firing hand guns in front of the club. Officers recovered a semi-automatic pistol from the scene. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system at the Michigan State Police Department. This weapon was a match to the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred at the same location two months earlier.