

ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

July 28 - August 11, 2008

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

Week of July 28, 2008

The Seattle Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a homicide to a recovered gun incident. The Seattle Police Department responded to a large fight disturbance and a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they located a victim who had been shot in the head and was pronounced dead shortly after. The officers searched the area and recovered two shell casings and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. One week later, King County Deputies responded to a call for service at a casino. The deputies spoke to a security officer, who stated that he had just asked a group of males to leave because he suspected they were using drugs in the parking lot. The officers walked through the parking lot and found a subject in a car leaning over hiding something. The officers asked the subject for identification, which he did not have. After a check, dispatch advised that the suspect had a felony warrant and was arrested. During the search of the vehicle, the officers found a hand gun. The weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence recovered at the homicide that occurred a week earlier.

Week of August 4, 2008

The Canton Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault to a domestic violence incident. Canton Police Department officers responded to a report of a drive by shooting. When the officers arrived they located the victim who said that while she was outside a man drove by in a van and shot at her. Eight shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Several months later, Canton Police Department officers responded to a shots fired call at a residence. When the officers arrived, they saw a man and a woman walking towards the house. The officers saw that the man had a gun in the waistband of his pants. The officers ordered the man to stop, but he ran into the house and locked the door. The officers forced entry. The suspect's wife gave consent for the officers to search the house and told them where the firearms were. She also told the officers, her husband had been shooting at her family members. The officers located the suspect in the bedroom and found the firearms. The recovered weapons were test fired, and entered into NIBIN. One of the weapons was a match to the ballistic evidence recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred several months earlier.

Week of August 11, 2008

The Saginaw Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during an aggravated assault incident to a firearm under investigation incident. The Saginaw Police Department Officers were dispatched to a residence on the report of a shooting. When the officers arrived, they met with two male victims who indicated that while they were outside, a vehicle drove by and an unknown suspect began shooting at them. The officers recovered six shell casings from the scene and submitted them for entry into NIBIN. Three days later, officers of the Saginaw Police Department were called to a residence in reference to some found property. When the officers arrived, they met with a female complainant who indicated that she found a handgun in her daughter's closet. The officers confiscated the semi-automatic pistol. The weapon was test fired, entered into NIBIN by the Michigan State Police at the Bridgeport Firearms Laboratory and matched the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the aggravated assault that occurred three days earlier.