



ATF NIBIN Program Hit of the Week

October 20 – October 27, 2008

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

Week of October 20, 2008

The Detroit (MI) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a homicide to another homicide that occurred a few months later. Officers of the Detroit Police Department were sent to a parking lot to investigate a suspicious circumstance that involved a vehicle. When the officers arrived, they observed a deceased male victim in the driver's side of the vehicle and a deceased female victim in the passenger's side. Six shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Four months later, officers of the Clinton Township Police Department assisted members of the Detroit Police Homicide Unit and Violent Crimes Task Officers in resolving a barricaded gunman situation. The known male suspect was wanted for shooting an undercover Detroit Police Narcotics Officer earlier in the day and had been tracked to the apartment. The Clinton Police Department Swat Team eventually breached the door of the apartment, entered and secured the premises. Once inside they determined that the suspect died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The firearm recovered from the suspect's hand was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the scene of the homicide that occurred four months earlier. Further investigation revealed that the recovered weapon was used in five separate shootings involving seven homicides in the city of Detroit, MI.

Week of October 27, 2008

The Buffalo (NY) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a homicide to an aggravated assault that occurred a few months later. Buffalo Police Department Officers responded to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they observed the victim had been shot once, by an unknown shooter. The victim later died from the wound. One shell casing was recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. Two months later, Buffalo Police Department Officers responded to a call for shots fired with injuries, as a result of a robbery. When the officers arrived they spoke to a victim who stated that the suspect displayed a small gun and stole her jewelry. As she ran down the street, the suspect chased her and fired shots and wounded four people. The suspect was identified and arrested. The weapon recovered from the suspect was test fired, entered into NIBIN at Erie County, New York Services and matched the ballistic evidence that was recovered at the homicide that occurred two months earlier.