



ATF NIBIN Program

Hit of the Week

November 3 – November 10, 2008

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

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The Saginaw Police (MI) Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered during a shooting incident to two carrying concealed weapon incidents that occurred during a six day period. Officers of the Saginaw Police Department were dispatched to a shots fired call. When the officers arrived, they observed bullet hole damage to the house and vehicle parked in the driveway. Seven shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. One day later, troopers from the Michigan State Police, were on patrol in Saginaw, when they stopped a vehicle for numerous traffic code violations. During the course of the investigation, the front seat passenger was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. The rear seat passenger was arrested for possession of marijuana. The weapon was submitted for test firing and submitted for entry into NIBIN. This weapon was positively identified as one of the two firearms that fired five of the seven casings recovered at the shooting in Saginaw. Five days later, Saginaw Township Police Department Officers were on patrol in an area where they stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The vehicle was occupied by two male suspects. During the investigation, officers recovered a semi-automatic pistol under the driver's seat. The firearm recovered, was test fired, entered into NIBIN at the Michigan State Police, Bridgeport and was identified as the second firearm that fired two of the seven shell casings recovered at the shooting in Saginaw, Michigan.

Week of November 10, 2008

The Denver (CO) Police Department using NIBIN linked evidence recovered at two separate homicide scenes that occurred one month apart. When Denver Police Department Officers responded to a report of a homicide, they discovered the victim had been shot and killed during a large drug transaction. Several shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted for entry into NIBIN. A month later, Aurora Police Officers responded to a report of a homicide where two male victims had been shot and killed during a drug transaction. A suspect was arrested near the scene and the pistol recovered was the one used in the shooting of the deceased male. A semi-automatic pistol was recovered from one of the deceased victim's body, the pistol was test fired, entered into NIBIN and matched the ballistic evidence recovered during the homicide in Denver.