

ATF NIBIN Program Hits of the Week

October 18 to October 25, 2004

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

Week of 10/18: The Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Police Department used the NIBIN system to link a firearm recovered as a result of a traffic stop to a shooting that occurred fourteen months earlier. Oklahoma City Police responded to a call and found a victim who had been shot in the back. The victim had been a passenger in a vehicle where a suspect vehicle pulled along side and the occupants began yelling at them. Both vehicles pulled over, and as the victim and his driver approached the suspect vehicle the passenger began firing at them. The victim was hit in the back and the suspects drove off. Police recovered shell casings at the scene and imaged them into NIBIN. Fourteen months later police received a call about a disturbance involving a particular vehicle. Officers saw the vehicle and pulled it over. While removing the two suspects from the vehicle, police saw each of them drop a bag of marijuana. The vehicle was searched and police found a loaded pistol, which was test fired and entered into NIBIN. The test fire was matched to the evidence from the earlier shooting. The suspects are awaiting trial.

Week of 10/25: The Oregon State Police Laboratory used the NIBIN system to confirm the match of a test fire from a 9mm pistol found in the vehicle of a suspect in a hit and run accident to 9mm casings found at the scene of an aggravated assault. Portland (OR) Police responded to a call where the victim reported that a male subject was at her front door. She went to a window to see who it was and the suspect began shooting at her through the window. Police recovered several 9mm casings at the scene and imaged them into IBIS. Six weeks later Portland Police responding to a hit and run accident located the suspect vehicle and recovered a 9mm pistol under the front seat of the car. The suspect was arrested and it was discovered that he had an extensive criminal history with felony convictions. The suspect was charged with felon in possession of a weapon, pled guilty and was sentenced to prison.