



## DE KALB COUNTY, GEORGIA USES NIBIN TO STOP A SERIAL CARJACKER

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On December 26, 1995, a drive-by shooting occurred in Atlanta, Georgia. No suspects were identified or arrested; however, 9mm casings were recovered from the scene and entered into IBIS.

On August 24, 1996, a carjacking took place in Atlanta. No suspects were identified or arrested, but again, 9mm casings were recovered from the scene and entered in IBIS.

On August 29, 1996, the De Kalb County Police Department arrested a suspect on local charges. At the time of arrest, the suspect was in a 1995 Mercedes automobile and in possession of a 9mm pistol.

In September 1996, IBIS' Brasscatcher positively linked the aforementioned 9mm pistol to the 1995 drive-by shooting and the 1996 carjacking.

On February 18, 1997, the suspect arrested on August 29, 1996, was indicted on one felony count of theft (*June 1996 auto theft*), one felony count of armed robbery (*August 13,*

*1996, armed carjacking*), and another felony count of armed robbery (*the August 24, 1996, armed carjacking*).

Because the defendant was a "multi-convicted" felon, he was sentenced under Georgia's Recidivist Punishment Act. The defendant must serve the entire 20-year sentence without parole. (*Parole would normally be considered after 14 years.*) The subject then must serve two concurrent life sentences.

The CEASEFIRE "hit" linking the August 24, 1996, armed carjacking to the arrest of the suspect and recovery of the suspect and recovery of the suspect weapon was crucial to the Fulton County District Attorney's prosecution of this crime. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation firearms examiner who confirmed the "hit" was required to testify at the trial. The December 26, 1995, drive-by shooting was not included in the Fulton County District Attorney's prosecution. Because of the substantial mandatory sentences already imposed, neither State nor Federal prosecution will be pursued in connection with this crime.