

KNOWLEDGE OF ONE—KNOWLEDGE OF ALL WITH NIBIN: AN OHIO STORY

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On September 1, 2008, Cleveland Heights Police responded to a shots fired call. When they arrived, they spoke to a woman who said that her ex-boyfriend shot at her.



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Officers recovered a single cartridge casing at the scene and submitted it for entry into the NIBIN database.



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A few days later, the Willoughby Police responded to a report of a large fight at a local restaurant.



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When police arrived, they were informed that the combatants had left the restaurant.



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Later that night, police officers stopped two vehicles and questioned the occupants about the earlier incident. Police found that two subjects were wanted on outstanding warrants.



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One of the subjects admitted that he had a firearm hidden under his seat. The officers located and secured the weapon.



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The firearm was test fired at the Lake County Crime Lab, and the IBIS system was used to search the test fired exhibit against the NIBIN database for a potential match.



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The NIBIN search brought police together from two jurisdictions by determining that the gun found by police in Willoughby was the weapon used to shoot at the woman in the case being investigated by police in Cleveland Heights.

