

LINKING CRIMES, GUNS & SUSPECTS: AN ALBUQUERQUE STORY



Albuquerque Police responded to a call of shots fired. Two victims had been wounded by gunfire in a gang related drive-by shooting. Cartridge casings found at the scene were submitted to the Crime Lab where IBIS operators entered them in NIBIN.

Six days later, Albuquerque Police responded to a call of a drive-by shooting and found a victim shot in the head. A witness saw a dark colored SUV following the victim and then heard gun shots.

Police found cartridge casings at the scene and submitted them to the Crime Lab where IBIS operators entered them in NIBIN.

Later the same day, Albuquerque Police responded to another call of a drive-by shooting. A victim told police she heard gunshots and later discovered a bullet hole in her vehicle when she went to move it.

Police found cartridge casings at the scene and submitted them to the Crime Lab where IBIS operators entered them in NIBIN.



Later that same day, police responded to a "shots fired" call at a convenience store. The complainant said that a dark SUV and another vehicle had engaged in a gun battle. The complainant's vehicle was hit by gunfire and the two vehicles sped away.

Police found cartridge casings at the scene and submitted them to the Crime Lab where IBIS operators entered them in NIBIN.

Sixteen days later, Albuquerque Police investigated another shooting from a vehicle. Several cartridge casings were found near the vehicle and submitted for NIBIN entry.

IBIS operators were able to link all five shootings to the same firearm through the NIBIN database.

Three months later a task force recovered a pistol during a search warrant execution. IBIS operators ran a test fire from the pistol though NIBIN and found links to all five shootings. Two convicted felons were arrested for firearms violations. They have been identified as the prime suspects in the five shootings.