

LEADS SURFACED IN BATTLE CREEK: A MICHIGAN STORY



July 2005, Battle Creek Police responded to 219 Carl Terrace, Battle Creek, MI, on the report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers were unable to locate any witnesses, victims or suspects.

At the scene, officers recovered two 9 mm caliber fired cartridge casings and submitted them to the Battle Creek Police Crime Lab where an IBIS operator entered them into the NIBIN database.

Several days later, Battle Creek Police responded to 64 Ardmoor Drive, on the report of a murder. Upon arrival, officers found a male victim dead on the living room floor. A witness reported hearing two men engaged in a confrontation with the victim.

Police recovered 9 mm caliber fired cartridge casings and bullets at the scene. Spent bullets were also later from body of the victim.

The evidence was submitted to the Battle Creek Police Lab where IBIS operators entered into the NIBIN database.



August 2005, Battle Creek Police conducted a traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of a male suspect for drug and traffic violations. A search of the vehicle produced Taurus, 9 mm caliber, pistol.

The pistol was submitted to the Battle Creek Police Lab for examination and a test firing. Test fires were entered into the NIBIN database.

At the lab, IBIS operators queried the NIBIN database and linked the Taurus pistol to the homicide on Ardmoor Drive.

A Michigan State Police Firearms Examiner determined that the Taurus pistol was fired at the murder scene along with a second pistol that was actually the murder weapon. NIBIN checks also linked the second pistol to the July shooting on Carl Terrace.

The NIBIN links provided the police with an active suspect where they had none and will allow them to leverage information from more than one shooting incident.