

CLIMBING THE SHOOTING CHARTS IN NASHVILLE – A TENNESSEE STORY



Between December 2003 and December 2004, Metro Nashville Police investigated a series of four shootings and robberies involving five victims who suffered non-life threatening injuries.



In each incident, officers recovered several spent cartridge cases as evidence and submitted them to the Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Lab. At the lab, IBIS operators entered the evidence into the NIBIN database.



In 2005, the pattern continued with three more shootings one of which involved an armed robbery in which the victim was shot and suffered non-life threatening injuries.



In each incident again, officers searched the crime scene and recovered several spent cartridge cases and submitted them to the Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Lab. IBIS operators entered the evidence into the NIBIN database.



In August 2005, the stakes increased—a man was found dead from gun shot wounds at the intersection of Revels Drive & Revels Lane in Nashville. Officers learned from witnesses that the victim had been in a gun fight with several other men.



Officers searched the crime scene and recovered several spent cartridge cases as evidence and submitted them to the Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Lab. IBIS operators entered the evidence into the NIBIN database.



Forensic experts were able to link all of these shooting crimes together through the NIBIN database. The same firearm was used in every shooting.



Homicide investigators can benefit by leveraging the information from these multiple crimes in order to look for repeatable patterns and generate more investigative leads.