

# THE REAL VALUE OF NIBIN: A PEOPLE PERSPECTIVE

## STEP 1

In 2007, the Delaware State Police Forensic Firearms Unit acquired new IBIS® BRASSTRAX™ technology and began to enter ballistics evidence from their open case files and search it through the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN).



## STEP 2

In 2008, Delaware State Police released information publicly about an arrest that they had made in a two year old murder case involving a shooting at a motel in which Jamace Green, 29 years old, was killed.



## STEP 3

Through the use of IBIS and NIBIN, Delaware State Police learned that the gun used to kill Green had been used again later in another shooting across the border in Chester, Pennsylvania.



## STEP 4

The ballistics match caused investigators in both states to share and begin to leverage the information known to them about each shooting. This led to the identification of possible suspects one of which was Jamar Harper of Chester.



## STEP 5

Investigators were then able to develop additional DNA evidence against Harper and cooperative efforts by agencies in both States resulted in his arrest for the murder of Jamace Green.



## STEP 6

The CBS news affiliate reported comments made by Delaware State Police Colonel Thomas F. MacLeish: "This case absolutely exemplifies how crucial it is for law enforcement to keep up with technological advances and underscores its importance in solving open and pending cases. The family of Mr. Green has held vigil since his murder, they never gave up hope—and neither did my detectives."



## STEP 7

The ABC news affiliate reported comments made by Barbara Green the murder victim's mother about the new technology and the outcome of the case: "It's amazing because they just came out with this and already they've solved their first crime and thank God it was my son's."



## STEP 8

ABC also reported, as if her grief weren't enough, Barbara Green is battling breast cancer now; still she says it was the unsolved murder that sickened her the most, and, ironically, willed her to live. She said: "I was determined that if it was the last thing I did before I left this earth, I was going to know what happened, so I'm satisfied."

