

# THE SMOKING GUN: A BOSTON STORY



December 2002, Nabil Essaid, age 18, was smoking a cigarette in front of the Loews movie theater on Tremont Street in Boston when he was shot to death by a person wielding a .40 caliber pistol.

During the crime scene search, Boston Police recovered expended cartridge cases. Once submitted to the Ballistics Unit, the cases were imaged with IBIS and entered into the NIBIN database.

February 2003, Boston Police officers attempted to arrest two suspects engaged in drug dealing. One suspect, the lookout, fled on foot and threatened pursuing officers with a handgun. During the chase the suspect discharged the firearm. Police recovered the expended cartridge case.

The suspect Darryl Scott, age 21, was apprehended after threatening suicide in a standoff with police. Scott's firearm, a Glock, .40 caliber pistol was retained as evidence as well as his receipt for the purchase of the gun in Arizona.



On the same date, the Boston Police Department Ballistics Unit examined the fired cartridge case that Scott had discharged from the Glock pistol. It was imaged using IBIS and searched against the NIBIN database.

Just four hours later, Boston Police Firearms Experts used the NIBIN database to link Scott's Glock pistol to the murder of Nabil Essaid. Darryl Scott was subsequently indicted for murder.

On April 26, 2006, Darryl Scott was convicted of the Murder of Nabil Essaid in Suffolk County Superior Court in Boston and sentenced to life in prison. According to *The Boston Globe*, once the verdict was read Scott became violent and had to be restrained by court officers.