

# Database Helping Solve Gun Crimes

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Virginia recently reached a milestone with its national database that tracks firearms used in crimes. More than 1,000 crimes have been solved thanks to the technology. That includes three shootings in Lynchburg.

Evidence technicians tell us one of those includes a double murder on Sussex Street back in 2002. The firearms database helped them catch the murderer.

***Investigator Jonathan Pelletier, Lynchburg Police ([web](#)) Department - "Well when it works and we get an association with another crime, it can actually give us answers that we otherwise would have never had, just like a DNA hit or a fingerprint match, it gives you a match to a firearm and it really helps."***

So far this year, more than 175 Virginia cases have been solved using the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network.