

discipline. The consumers of this organization were the ultimate street level users of heroin and cocaine.

This narcotic organization was formed in 1978 and 1979 by Raymond Peoples and Milton David Jones. Subsequently, Jones was able to take undisputed control from Peoples and became the leader of an organization that grew to over 100 members. YBI was unique at its time because of the military-like organization chart for a narcotics conspiracy. Charismatic and violent, Jones appointed a group of lieutenants who were responsible for packaging the heroin and overseeing street level distribution at each distribution point, called a "spot." There was also a person in charge who would keep the "crew" working and provide protection from law enforcement persons and competitors.

Early on, it was decided that juvenile males would be used for street level distribution. This was decided because local law enforcement focused only on the distribution level and the enforcement of juvenile laws was very lenient. Hence, if a distributor was caught, he would be released and could, soon thereafter, resume his activities. Thus, arose the name, Young Boys Incorporated.

Distribution of narcotics, and particularly at this time heroin, was a violent activity. Although YBI was the largest organization in the City of Detroit at this time, its monumental monetary success caused the growth of numerous smaller competitors. In order to maintain the status of the organization and to retain Milton Jones as its leader, there were