

relation to one another, depending upon the immediate market demand and each organization's availability of resources. These interrelationships reduce the impact of law enforcement interdiction. If one organization's source is taken down, that organization then turns to the other Detroit area organizations as alternative sources of supply.

There does not appear to be strong territorial competition among these organizations until an organization develops a street distribution operation. When the organization reaches this point, its distribution function has more of an impact within the city and competition frequently leads to violence.

An example of such an organization was Young Boys, Inc. or "YBI". This organization was headed by Sylvester "Seal" Murray and Milton David "Butch" Jones. The unique thing about this organization and the derivation of its name, was its use of juveniles as street corner distributors. These dealers' age kept them in the juvenile system as opposed to the adult criminal justice system, thus greatly reducing their punishment and resultant unavailability. This was the largest organization to operate within the City of Detroit in terms of geographical coverage of a distribution areas. The organization also had branches in the cities of Pontiac and Flint. A high degree of violence was utilized both to maintain the geographical areas of their distribution territories as against competitors and for internal organization