

## YBI INDICTMENT CHARGES 26

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A federal grand jury in Detroit has indicted **26** people -- including attorney W. Otis Culpepper, a former Wayne County sheriff and a former Highland Park police officer -- with various racketeering and tax violations that officials say are linked to the Young Boys Inc. drug ring.

The **indictment**, handed up Tuesday, paints a picture of **YBI**, the city-wide narcotics organization thought to have been put out of business after the first wave of federal **charges** in 1982, as an active enterprise responsible for drug sales, killings and other violations.

The **indictment charges** that various defendants -- including Milton David (Butch) Jones, described as **YBI**'s leader and founder -- committed eight murders between 1980 and 1984 while involved in distributing heroin and cocaine.

In 1982, 40 people were indicted, 32 of whom were later convicted and sentenced for various drug **charges**. Nine of those named in the **indictment** announced Tuesday also were charged in 1982.

Officials said **YBI** leaders, who used runners ages 14 and younger to help distribute the drugs, amassed millions of dollars in profits in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Culpepper, who gained local prominence for his defense of drug-ring figures and murder defendants, is charged with evading a payment of \$10,295.85 for income tax over two years and with evading tax on income of \$186,292.71 over three years.

Culpepper and Jones also are charged with conspiring to defraud the United States on Culpepper's taxes. According to the **indictment**, Jones would compensate Culpepper for legal services by purchasing or leasing vehicles and property for Culpepper's use and concealing the purchases by placing them in the names of others.

In June 1982, Jones allegedly gave Culpepper a 1976 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow and put it in the name of Aims Investment Corp., the **indictment charges**.

The **indictment** also **charges** that Jones paid Culpepper in cash and narcotics, and that Culpepper lied to his accountant and concealed his income.

Jones, presently serving a 12-year sentence for running a criminal enterprise, is charged in the **indictment** with running Young Boys after going to prison in 1983.

The **indictment** alleges that Jones, sometimes working with others, murdered five competitors. Jones' wife, Portia Denise Jones, participated in three killings, the **indictment charges**.

Jones, his wife and Detroit attorney James Feaster are charged with tax violations. Feaster was sentenced March 17 to five years in prison after being convicted of tax evasion, obstruction of justice, theft of government property, wire fraud and advising the preparation of false tax returns.

Henry Duvall, 44, the former deputy Wayne County Sheriff indicted on racketeering **charges**, was arraigned Jan. 15 on **charges** of embezzling \$2,000 in bail money deposited in the Wayne County Jail. The retired Highland Park police officer, Ralph Jackson, is charged with racketeering and filing false income tax returns.

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Culpepper

Butch Jones

Portia Jones

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