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THIBODAUX – A Thibodaux man was convicted Tuesday on three counts of possession of controlled dangerous substances after a two-day jury trial.

Rickey Wintter, 49, was charged with possessing methamphetamine, methylphenidate hydrochloride and lisdexamphetamine at a residence on Canal Boulevard in Thibodaux. A young person in the residence notified her mother as to the presence of suspected methamphetamine. In turn, law enforcement was contacted. Based on that information, Thibodaux Police investigators made contact with Wintter, who refused to allow investigators to search the premises. The narcotics were found after officers obtained a search warrant.

"Methamphetamine is a very dangerous substance, so we take the prosecution of these cases very seriously," said Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Richard, who prosecuted the case. "These may not be complicated cases, but they are very important to the community."

District Attorney Cam Morvant concurred. "We have to have zero tolerance for the presence of meth in this parish," he said. "From its creation to ultimate consumption, meth poses a tremendous danger to anyone who might come into contact with it. We have to get the message across that there will be consequences for making, distributing or even possessing this substance."

Four witnesses testified for the State, including Officers Derek Guidry and Rebecca Shaver, as well as an expert from the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab. The defense presented no witnesses.

Formal sentencing is set for July 17, 2017 before the Hon. F. Hugh Larose, who presided at trial.

