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HUGO — After a two-day long trial, a Choctaw County jury found Bryan Houston Daniel guilty on Wednesday of possessing material with the intent to manufacture CDS and conspiracy in March, 2011.

The seven-man, five woman jury deliberated for almost two hours before returning to the court of presiding judge Jana Wallace to announce the verdict. Prosecuting the case was assistant District Attorney Cheryl Cerda.

"A lot of credit goes to the employees of Wal-Mart for doing a very good job of paying attention and taking the proper steps in notifying HPD, who also did a great job of investigating and considering the seriousness of this case. The jury gets a lot of credit as well. Their's was not an easy task. It is not a simple decision to make," Cerda said.

According to officers' statements from the Hugo Police Department, Daniel was witnessed by Wal-Mart employees shoplifting lithium batteries on March 9, 2011. Daniel also, reports stated, purchased pills containing pseudo-ephedrine, which are used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. After further search of the subject's vehicle, Hugo Police found other ingredients used for the manufacture of controlled substances, reports stated.

Daniels was sentenced to 14 years for the charge of possession of material with the intent to manufacture CDS and fined \$5,000 for conspiracy.