

## Dale County man found guilty of making meth in elderly mom's shed

A Pinckard man faces a possible life sentence after being convicted Tuesday of manufacturing meth in his 75-year-old mother's utility shed.

Timothy Cronp, 45, who lives with his mother at 273 Rana Drive, was also convicted of possession of precursor chemicals, possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams.

Since he has two prior felony convictions — one for burglary, another for possession of a controlled substance — his sentence will be life or 99 years in prison.

He will be sentenced June 26 and will remain in custody until then.

The Wiregrass Violent Crime and Drug Task Force made the arrest in July 2005 after neighbors tipped them off.

The elderly mother was apparently unaware of her son's drug activity. But she allowed authorities to search her home.

"The big message of this trial should be to these young people to stay away from this stuff," Adams said. "It's not good and you're going to end up either dead or in prison."

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