

IN RE DEVON C.

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Decided August 18, 2011

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD,  
GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The parents of Devon C. appeal from a judgment of the District Court (York, *Janelle, J.*) terminating their parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2010). Contrary to the parents' contentions, the factual findings were sufficient to support a termination of both parents' rights by clear and convincing evidence. *See In re Marcus S.*, 2007 ME 24, ¶ 6, 916 A.2d 225, 227; *In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶¶ 22, 23 809 A.2d 1245, 1251-52. The court's consideration of evidence of past jeopardy and the parents' reactions to past experiences was not improper. *See In re Tabitha R.*, 2003 ME 76, ¶ 7, 827 A.2d 830, 832 ("Evidence of past jeopardy is relevant to the future, and in the case of a custodial parent it is highly probative, but the question before the court is necessarily whether there is *prospective* jeopardy."). Although the evidence supporting the court's finding that the mother failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the child is equivocal and subject to varying interpretations, the court's findings on other statutory grounds supporting termination of parental rights were well-supported by clear and convincing evidence, and the statute only requires that the court find one ground for termination, *see* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2010).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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