

IN RE JEWEL A.

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Decided May 17, 2011

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Jewel A. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Biddeford, *Foster, J.*) finding jeopardy as to the father. The mother contends that the court's language in that judgment, stating that that part of the father's jeopardy to the child comprised "[f]ailure to protect the child from neglect and emotional abuse by the mother," violated her due process rights pursuant to the Maine and United States Constitutions. However, because the court ordered that the findings as to the father would not be binding against the mother, the court's findings do not impair a liberty interest of the mother protected by due process. *See In re Heather C.*, 2000 ME 99, ¶ 21, 751 A.2d 448, 454 (observing that in the context of child protection proceedings, due process constrains the exercise of governmental power if it deprives an individual of life, liberty, or property).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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