

IN RE K.M.

Submitted on Briefs August 29, 2012

Decided September 25, 2012

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of K.M. appeals from the judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Jordan, J.*) finding jeopardy, 22 M.R.S. § 4035 (2011), awarding custody of the child to the Department of Health and Human Services, relieving the Department of its obligation to pursue reunification efforts with the mother, and directing a filing of a termination of parental rights petition. The mother contends that it was error for the court to find jeopardy based on abandonment. On this record, there was more than sufficient evidence for the court to find jeopardy and to authorize the Department to cease reunification efforts. *See In re Adrian D.*, 2004 ME 144, ¶¶ 14-15, 861 A.2d 1286. The fact that the mother may have arranged a guardianship in the past does not undermine the court's findings or its resulting jeopardy order.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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