

IN RE U.B.

Submitted on Briefs October 27, 2014

Decided November 4, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of U.B. appeals from an order of termination of parental rights entered by the District Court (Springvale, *Foster, J.*) pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a) and (B)(2) (2013). Contrary to the father's contentions, the court neither violated the father's due process rights nor erred in excluding from evidence his testimony regarding events preceding the jeopardy order. *See In re Scott S.*, 2001 ME 114, ¶ 15, 775 A.2d 1144; *In re Kayla S.*, 2001 ME 79, ¶¶ 9-10, 772 A.2d 858; *In re Crystal S.*, 483 A.2d 1210, 1213 (Me. 1984). The court found at least one ground of parental unfitness supported by clear and convincing evidence in the record. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii), (iv); *In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶ 17-20, 809 A.2d 1245. Further, there was ample evidence in the record that termination of the father's rights was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Charles G.*, 2001 ME 3, ¶ 14, 763 A.2d 1163.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

On the briefs:

Jack Hunt, Esq., Kennebunk, for appellant mother

Janet T. Mills, Attorney General, and Carlos Diaz, Asst. Atty.
Gen., Office of the Attorney General, Portland, for appellee
Department of Health and Human Services

Springvale District Court docket number PC-2012-49
FOR CLERK REFERENCE ONLY