

DANIEL WORMELL

v.

MARY TINKER et al.

Submitted on Briefs October 27, 2014
Decided November 4, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Daniel Wormell appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Machias, *Mitchell, J.*) adopting the findings and conclusions of a family law magistrate (*Langner, M.*) who determined that Wormell owed a child support arrearage to the Department of Health and Human Services for a period during which the Department had paid public benefits to the mother of Wormell's child. *See* 19-A M.R.S. §§ 2102, 2605(5) (2013). Contrary to Wormell's contentions, reviewing the magistrate's decision directly as we must, *see Dep't of Health & Human Servs. v. Pelletier*, 2009 ME 11, ¶ 14, 964 A.2d 630, the magistrate did not err in finding, based on the record before him, that the Department had met its burden of proving a \$6,300 child support arrearage, *see Dionne v. LeClerc*, 2006 ME 34, ¶ 15, 896 A.2d 923; *MacDougall v. Dep't of Human Servs.*, 2001 ME 64, ¶ 11, 769 A.2d 829.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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