

IN RE A.G.

Submitted on Briefs May 29, 2014  
Decided June 3, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of A.G. appeals from a jeopardy order entered in the District Court (Skowhegan, *Mullen, J.*) finding that A.G. was in circumstances of jeopardy due to the risk of physical abuse posed by her mother and father, and authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to cease reunification efforts with the parents based on the existence of an aggravating factor. Contrary to the father's contentions, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in concluding that an aggravating factor existed based on evidence that another young child was abused while in the exclusive custody and care of A.G.'s parents. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4002(1-B)(A)(1) (2013) (providing that an aggravating factor may be found when a parent "has subjected any child for whom the parent was responsible to aggravated circumstances"); *In re Cameron W.*, 2010 ME 101, ¶ 2, 5 A.3d 668 ("When the evidence demonstrates that an infant was injured while in the mother's and father's exclusive care and control, the court could reasonably infer that one or both parents were responsible for the child's injuries.").

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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