

IN RE S.H.

Submitted on Briefs July 23, 2015

Decided August 11, 2015

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of S.H. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Schneider, J.*) terminating his parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2014). Contrary to the father's contention, the court did not clearly err or abuse its discretion in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one ground of parental unfitness, and that termination was in the child's best interest. *Id.*; *In re C.A.*, 2015 ME 34, ¶ 12, 113 A.3d 1098. Furthermore, although the court adopted much of the State's proposed order following the hearing, there is sufficient evidence, considering the whole record, to demonstrate that the court applied its independent judgment to the evidence before it. *See In re Marpheen C.*, 2002 ME 170, ¶¶ 5, 7-8, 812 A.2d 972.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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