

IN RE RUSSELL S.

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Decided October 6, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Russell S. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Oram, J.*) terminating his parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1) (2015). Contrary to the father's arguments, competent evidence in the record supports the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of parental unfitness and that termination is in the best interest of the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (b)(ii); *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212. The court also did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination is in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Charles G.*, 2001 ME 3, ¶ 7, 763 A.2d 1163. We therefore affirm the judgment.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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