

IN RE DARREN D.

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Decided October 20, 2016

Panel: ALEXANDER, MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HJELM, and HUMPHREY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Darren D. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Dow, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. Contrary to the father's contention, there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that termination is in the best interest of the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015); *In re M.S.*, 2014 ME 54, ¶ 15, 90 A.3d 443. There is also sufficient evidence to support the court's findings that the father is "unwilling or unable to protect the child from jeopardy and these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time which is reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs" and that the father "has been unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the child within a time which is reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs." 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(i), (ii) (2015); *see In re M.S.*, 2014 ME 54, ¶ 13, 90 A.3d 443. Furthermore, the court did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination is in the best interest of the child. *See In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 16, 889 A.2d 297.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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