

IN RE ZONIQUE S. et al.

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Decided October 20, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Zonique S. and Sekhmet D. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Eggert, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015). Contrary to the mother's contention, competent evidence in the record supports the court's determination, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness.¹ *Id.*; see *In re Magdalena F.*, 2016 ME 125, ¶ 14, --- A.3d ---. Furthermore, we conclude after considering the termination order as a whole that the court did not impermissibly shift the burden of proof to the mother in making its findings.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ The mother does not challenge the court's determination that termination is in the children's best interest. See 22 M.R.S. § 4055 (1)(B)(2)(a) (2015).

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