

IN RE JEFFREY L. et al.

Submitted on Briefs April 21, 2016  
Decided May 3, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The parents of Jeffrey L. and Jabari L. appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Dow, J.*) terminating their parental rights as to both children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015).

As to the mother, contrary to the mother's assertions, it was not an abuse of discretion for the court to find that termination of parental rights is in the children's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2); *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212. As to the father, pursuant to the procedure approved in *In re M.C.*, counsel for the father submitted a brief stating that there are no arguable issues of merit for appeal. *See* 2014 ME 128, ¶ 7, 104 A.3d 139. The father has not submitted any further argument.

Our review of the judgment and the record of the trial court proceedings demonstrates that the evidence is sufficient to support the trial court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness as to each parent and that termination of parental rights is in the children's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2); *In re M.C.*, 2014 ME 128, ¶ 8, 104 A.3d 139.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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