

CHRISTINE V. VIOLETTE

v.

RANDY R. VIOLETTE

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Decided January 31, 2017

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Randy R. Violette appeals from a decision of the District Court (Waterville, *Dow, J.*) granting Christine V. Violette's motion to enforce an interim order while Christine's appeal from the parties' divorce judgment was pending. Contrary to Randy's contentions, expenses and debts related to real property may constitute a part of a disposition of property. *See, e.g., Theberge v. Theberge*, 2010 ME 132, ¶ 13, 9 A.3d 809. Moreover, even if the ordered payments constituted support, any error would be harmless because a court has the authority to order that a final judgment's support provisions be stayed pending appeal. *See* M.R. Civ. P. 61; M.R. Civ. P. 62(a) (giving immediate effect to support provisions of a final judgment "[u]nless otherwise ordered by the court"); M.R. Civ. P. 121 (same); *Laqualia v. Laqualia*, 2011 ME 114, ¶ 28, 30 A.3d 838; *see also, e.g., Adams v. Adams*, 620 A.2d 286, 287-88 (Me. 1993). We discern no error in the court's decision to order, based on the existing record, that Randy pay property-related expenses that were incurred during the pendency of Christine's appeal.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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