

JARROD J. HOWE

v.

CRYSTAL DEHAHN

Submitted on Briefs February 26, 2020
Decided March 5, 2020

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Crystal Dehahn appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Houlton, *Larson, J.*) denying her motion for contempt against Jarrod J. Howe, which sought to enforce the court's May 10, 2013, order establishing parental rights and responsibilities. We review the denial of a motion for "civil contempt for an abuse of discretion, and the court's underlying factual findings for clear error." *Beckerman v. Pooler*, 2015 ME 80, ¶ 7, 119 A.3d 74 (quotation marks omitted). Although the court erred in finding that Howe testified that Dehahn was in jail for two years,¹ that error was harmless. *See* M.R. Civ. P. 61. We conclude that Dehahn did not meet her burden on appeal to demonstrate that "a contempt finding was compelled by the evidence," and the court's denial of her motion for contempt was therefore not an abuse of discretion. *Beckerman*, 2015 ME 80, ¶ 7, 119 A.3d 74 (quotation marks omitted).

¹ Howe in fact testified that Dehahn was supposed to be in jail for two years but was released in "four months or something."

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

Crystal Dehahn, appellant pro se

Jarrold J. Howe did not file a brief

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