

IN RE CHILD OF PHILIP S.

Submitted on Briefs October 20, 2021

Decided October 28, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Philip S. appeals from the judgment of the District Court (Caribou, *Soucy, J.*) terminating his parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i-ii), (iv) (2021). Contrary to his contention, the record contains sufficient competent evidence to support the court's findings of parental unfitness and that termination was in the child's best interest. *See In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶ 10, 236 A.3d 438; *In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶¶ 6-7, 226 A.3d 1157. We further find no error in the court's decision declining to order a permanency guardianship in lieu of terminating the father's parental rights on this record. *See In re Robert S.*, 2009 ME 18, ¶¶ 13-16, 966 A.2d 894.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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