

IN RE CHILD OF JASON H.

Submitted on Briefs October 20, 2021

Decided October 28, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jason H. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Waterville, *Rushlau, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii) (2021). The father's attorney filed a brief stating that he did not believe that there were any arguable issues on appeal and that he followed the process identified in *In re M.C.*, 2014 ME 128, ¶¶ 7, 104 A.3d 139. Although we ordered an enlargement of time for the father to personally file a brief, the father has neither filed a brief nor requested the appointment of new counsel. We discern no error or abuse of discretion in the trial court's findings of unfitness as to the father and its determination that termination of the father's parental rights is in the best interest of the child. *See In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶¶ 7, 10, 236 A.3d 438.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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With leave of the Court, the Department of Health and Human Services did not file a brief

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