

IN RE CHILD OF DOUGLAS O.

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Decided March 4, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Douglas O. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (West Bath, *Raimondi, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. Contrary to the father's contentions, the record contains sufficient evidence to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness, *see* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i),(ii),(iv) (2020).¹ Further, the Department is not required to terminate reunification efforts before filing a petition to terminate parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4052 (2020); *In re Damein F.*, 2017 ME 205, ¶¶ 5, 12, 171 A.3d 1149; *In re Child of James R.*, 2018 ME 50, ¶ 16, 182 A.3d 1252.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ We do not reach the argument regarding possible kinship placement because it is not appealable pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4006 (2020). *See In re L.D.*, 2015 ME 123, ¶ 17, 123 A.3d 990.

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