MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 21-54 Docket No. Oxf-21-12

IN RE CHILD OF MICHAEL G.

Submitted on Briefs June 16, 2021 Decided July 1, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Michael G. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (South Paris, *Ham-Thompson, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. Contrary to his contentions, the record provides ample support for the court's finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that termination of his parental rights is in the child's best interest.¹ *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2021); *In re Cameron B.*, 2017 ME 18, ¶¶ 10, 11, 154 A.3d 1199.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ The father also contends that he was provided ineffective assistance of counsel when his attorney voluntarily dismissed his appeal of the trial court's order finding jeopardy against him. He brings this argument over a year after the entry of the jeopardy order, rendering it untimely and, therefore, nonjusticiable. *See In re Child of Radience K.*, 2019 ME 73, ¶¶ 57-59, 208 A.3d 380; M.R. App. P. 2B(c)(1).

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