

IN RE CHILDREN OF WAYNE I.

Submitted on Briefs September 27, 2023

Decided October 19, 2023

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, CONNORS, LAWRENCE, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Wayne I. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Rumford, *Nofsinger, J.*) finding jeopardy against him as to his two children. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(6)(A), (10), 4035(2) (2023). Contrary to the father's contentions, there was competent evidence in the record to support the court's finding by a preponderance of the evidence that the father could not protect the children from jeopardy. *Id.* § 4035(2); *see In re Nicholas S.*, 2016 ME 82, ¶ 9, 140 A.3d 1226. Similarly, there was competent evidence in the record to support the court's finding by a preponderance of the evidence that remaining in the father's home was contrary to the welfare of the children. 22 M.R.S. § 4036-B(2) (2023).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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