

IN RE CHILD OF MARIA R.

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Decided October 26, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Maria R. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *S. Driscoll, J.*) finding that her child is in circumstances of jeopardy as to the child's health and welfare. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4035 (2023). Contrary to the mother's contentions, there was sufficient evidence for the court to rationally find, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the mother has overexposed the child to medical examinations and has persistently led the child to believe the father is a danger to the mother and the child despite there being no evidence to support that belief, and that these circumstances amount to serious abuse or neglect as evidenced by a threat of serious harm to the child's mental and emotional wellbeing. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(1), (6), 4035 (2023); *In re Nicholas S.*, 2016 ME 82, ¶ 9, 140 A.3d 1226; *In re E.A.*, 2015 ME 37, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 207.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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