

IN RE CHILD OF YULONDA M.

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Decided October 26, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Yulonda M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Fort Kent, *Linthicum, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. Contrary to the mother's contention, the trial court did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2023); *see also In re Child of Carl D.*, 2019 ME 67, ¶ 9, 207 A.3d 1202; *In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶ 19, 67 A.3d 558 (“[B]eing freed for adoption is greatly preferable to waiting, with little likelihood of success, for . . . the parent[] to create a safe home for them.”). Furthermore, the record contains sufficient competent evidence to support the trial court's findings that she is unwilling or unable to protect the child from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs or take responsibility for the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii); *see also In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶¶ 7-9, 236 A.3d 438; *In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶¶ 6-7, 226 A.3d 1157.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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