

IN RE CHILD OF JOSEPH G.

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Decided May 30, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Joseph G. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, S. Driscoll, J.) terminating his parental rights to the child. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii) (2023). Contrary to the father's contentions, there was competent evidence in the record to support at least one finding of parental unfitness by clear and convincing evidence. *See In re Child of Amanda H.*, 2019 ME 39, ¶ 5, 204 A.3d 869; *In re Child of Amelia C.*, 2020 ME 28, ¶ 8, 227 A.3d 156; *In re Jamara R.*, 2005 ME 45, ¶ 22, 870 A.2d 112, *overruled in part on other grounds by In re B.C.*, 2012 ME 140, ¶ 14 n.2, 58 A.3d 1118. The court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that the father is unable to protect the child from jeopardy or take responsibility for the child within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs, and the termination of his parental rights is in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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