

IN RE CHILDREN OF ADAM S.

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Decided July 25, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Adam S. and the mother appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Woodman, J.*) terminating their parental rights to their children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii), (iv) (2023). The parents challenge the sufficiency of the evidence of parental unfitness. We have reviewed the record and conclude that the court did not clearly err in its findings of unfitness, nor did the court abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the parents' parental rights is in the children's best interest. *See In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157; *In re B.P.*, 2015 ME 139, ¶ 19, 126 A.3d 713; *In re Cameron B.*, 2017 ME 18, ¶ 11, 154 A.3d 1199.

Contrary to the father's contention, the court did not abuse its discretion in denying his motion to stay the proceedings pending resolution of his criminal charges. *In re Children of Benjamin W.*, 2019 ME 147, ¶ 8, 216 A.3d 901. He also was accorded due process throughout the proceedings, and indeed chose to testify regarding the events underlying the criminal charges. *In re Child of Scott A.*, 2019 ME 123, ¶ 12, 213 A.3d 117.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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