

PAT DOE¹

v.

DILLEN DORR

Submitted on Briefs January 24, 2024
Decided February 1, 2024

Panel: MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, LAWRENCE, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Dillen Dorr appeals from a protection from abuse order entered by the District Court (South Paris, *Gorham, J.*) on a complaint filed by Pat Doe.² Contrary to Dorr’s contentions, under 19-A M.R.S. §§ 4101(2), 4110(1) (2023), the court did not err by issuing a protection from abuse order without finding an ongoing or future threat of abuse. Moreover, competent evidence supports the court’s findings of abuse and the court did not clearly err in granting Doe’s request for a protection from abuse order. *See Deah v. Cuthbert*, 2018 ME 34, ¶¶ 1, 14, 180 A.3d 1087. To the extent that the court made erroneous factual findings, we determine such error was harmless as it did not affect the substantial rights of the parties. *See Francoeur v. Berube*, 2023 ME 27, ¶ 16, 293

¹ Pursuant to federal law, this Court does not identify a plaintiff in a protection from abuse action and limits its description of events and locations to avoid revealing “the identity or location of the party protected under [a protection] order” as required by 18 U.S.C.A. § 2265(d)(3) (Westlaw through Pub. L. No. 118-30). *See Doe v. Tierney*, 2018 ME 101, n.1, 189 A.3d 756.

² Dorr also filed a complaint seeking a protection from abuse order against Doe on behalf of their two shared children, which the court denied. Dorr does not appeal from the court’s decision on this matter.

A.3d 418. Additionally, the court did not clearly err or abuse its discretion in finding the children's best interests were served by awarding sole parental rights and responsibilities and custody to Doe. *See Vibert v. Dimoulas*, 2017 ME 62, ¶¶ 16-17, 159 A.3d 325.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Pat Doebd did not file a brief

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