

PAT DOE

v.

AIMEE GERBI

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Decided May 1, 2025

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

## MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Aimee Gerbi appeals from a judgment by the District Court (Bangor, *Dufour, J.*) issuing a permanent protection from abuse order pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 4103(2)(B)(2) (2025) in favor of Pat Doe’s minor child against Gerbi’s minor child, and an order denying Gerbi’s motion for reconsideration. *See* M.R. Civ. P. 59; M.R. App. P. 2B(c)(2). Gerbi argues that the evidence was insufficient to support the court’s findings, and that the court abused its discretion in imposing a 100-yard restriction on incidental contact between the parties.

We conclude that the court did not err because its factual findings and legal conclusions were supported by the evidence and were sufficient to inform the parties and this Court of the basis for its decision. *See Seymour v. Seymour*, 2021 ME 60, ¶ 26, 263 A.3d 1079; *Douglas v. Douglas*, 2012 ME 67, ¶ 26, 43 A.3d 965; *Wandishin v. Wandishin*, 2009 ME 73, ¶¶ 11, 18-19, 976 A.2d 949. We also conclude that the court did not abuse its discretion by ordering the 100-yard restriction on incidental contact between the two children and denying Gerbi’s motion for reconsideration on this basis, because the court’s findings were adequately supported by the evidentiary record, the court understood the law applicable to exercising its discretion, and the court acted within the bounds of

reasonableness. *See U.S. Bank Nat’l Ass’n v. Manning*, 2020 ME 42, ¶ 32, 228 A.3d 726; *Dyer v. Dyer*, 2010 ME 105, ¶¶ 11-13, 5 A.3d 1049 (explaining that, in a protection from abuse order, a court “has broad discretion to provide relief,” which can include “significant restrictions on a defendant’s freedom of movement,” as long as the court’s findings of the need for such protection are supported by competent evidence in the record). Accordingly, we affirm the judgment.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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