IN RE TERRENCE H. et al.

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Panel: CLIFFORD, J., and RUDMAN, DANA, ALEXANDER, CALKINS, and LEVY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father of Terrence and Dustin H. appeal from a judgment entered in the District Court (Bangor, *Russell, J.*) terminating their parental rights. Contrary to the mother's contentions, there was sufficient evidence in the record to support the District Court's findings by clear and convincing evidence that the mother is unable to protect Terrence and Dustin from jeopardy, and that those circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs, 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i) (1992), that the mother is unwilling or unable to take responsibility for Terrence and Dustin in a time reasonably calculated to meet their needs, 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(ii), and that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the children's best interest, 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a). Contrary to the father's contention, there was

sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's finding by clear and convincing evidence that the father is unable to protect Terrence and Dustin from jeopardy, and that those circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet their needs. *See* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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