

IN RE JULIEANNE T.

Submitted on Briefs January 10, 2005
Decided February 9, 2005

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Julieanne T. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Biddeford, *Foster, J.*) finding that her child was in jeopardy, 22 M.R.S.A. § 4035 (2004); that an aggravating factor existed, 22 M.R.S.A. § 4002(1-B) (2004); and based on the aggravating factor, the Department of Health and Human Services¹ was relieved of its obligation to provide reunification services, 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 4036(1)(G-2), 4041(2)(A-2)(1) (2004). Contrary to her contentions, competent evidence in the record supports the jeopardy finding, *see In re Andrea W.*, 537 A.2d 596, 597-98 (Me. 1988), and the court did not abuse its discretion in relieving the Department of its reunification obligations, *see In re*

¹ The Department of Health and Human Services has replaced the Department of Human Services. *See* P.L. 2003, ch. 689 (effective July 1, 2004).

Ashley S., 2000 ME 212, ¶ 14, 762 A.2d 941, 946-47; *see also In re Kayla S.*, 2001 ME 79, ¶ 13, 772 A.2d 858, 863.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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