

IN RE JOHNNA M.

Submitted on Briefs April 20, 2005
Decided April 29, 2005

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Johnna M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Beaudoin, J.*) finding that the child was in circumstances of jeopardy pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4035 (2004), and ordering that custody of the child remain with the Department of Health and Human Services. Contrary to the father's contentions, competent evidence in the record supports the court's findings that it was more likely than not that (1) the father's mental health issues are causally related to the parenting deficits that impact this child, *see In re Jazmine L.*, 2004 ME 125, ¶ 16, 861 A.2d 1277, 1281; (2) the Department made reasonable efforts to rehabilitate and reunify the child with the father, *see 22 M.R.S.A.* §§ 4036-B(4), 4041 (2004); and (3) the child is in circumstances of jeopardy to her

health or welfare, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 4002(6)(A), (B), 4035 (2004). *See In re Dakota P.*, 2005 ME 2, ¶ 15, 863 A.2d 280, 285.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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