

IN RE MARSADES C.

Submitted on Briefs November 16, 2006  
Decided December 7, 2006

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Marsades C. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Belfast, *Nivison, C.J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2005). Contrary to the mother's contentions, clear and convincing evidence in the record supports the court's findings that the mother is unable to protect the child from jeopardy and that these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs. *See In re Thomas D.*, 2004 ME 104, ¶ 21, 854 A.2d 195, 201. In addition, clear and convincing evidence in the record supports the court's determination that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the best interest of the child. *See In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶ 27, 809 A.2d

1245, 1253 (stating that trial court's determination as to the best interest of the child is entitled to "substantial deference").

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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