

IN RE SAVANNA R.

Submitted on Briefs May 17, 2007
Decided May 29, 2007

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father and the paternal grandparents of Savanna R. appeal from a judgment entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *McElwee, J.*) granting custody to the maternal grandmother and issuing a permanency planning order pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4036 (2006). Contrary to the father's and the paternal grandparents' contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion by determining that it is in the child's best interest for (1) the child's maternal grandmother to take custody of her, and (2) the child to have no contact with her paternal grandparents, in part, because at the time of the hearing the father was accused of the mother's murder.¹ *See In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 16, 889 A.2d 297, 301-02.

¹ A jury has since found the father guilty of the mother's murder. *State v. Roberts*, AUBSC-R-2005-01019 (Me. Super. Ct., And. Cty., Feb. 27, 2007) (Wheeler, J.).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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