

IN RE DEY'ONCE N.

Submitted on Briefs December 11, 2007
Decided January 24, 2008

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Dey'once N. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Beliveau, J.*) terminating her parental rights to Dey'once pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2007). Contrary to the mother's contentions, the evidence supports the findings of the court by clear and convincing evidence that the mother is: (1) unable to protect the child from jeopardy and these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs; and (2) unable to take responsibility for the child 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. The evidence also supports the court's finding by clear and convincing evidence that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the best interest of the child. *See id.*; *see also In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159,

¶ 27, 809 A.2d 1245, 1253 (“The . . . [c]ourt’s judgment on the issue of best interest [of the child] is entitled to substantial deference . . .”).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

Attorney for the appellant:

George Hess, Esq.
11 Lisbon St.
P.O. Box 423
Auburn, Maine 04212

Attorneys for the appellee:

G. Steven Rowe, Attorney General
Janice Stuver, Assist. Atty. Gen.
State House Station 6
Augusta, Maine 04333

Guardian Ad Litem:

Andrew Bloom, Esq.
P.O. Box 8306
Portland, Maine 04104