

IN RE JACQUELINE W. et al.

Submitted on Briefs July 8, 2009

Decided July 14, 2009

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Jacqueline W., Juanita W., and Destiny B. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Skowhegan, *Sparaco, J.*) terminating her parental rights to Jacqueline, Juanita and Destiny pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2008). Contrary to the mother's contentions, the trial court did not terminate the mother's parental rights to Destiny based solely on the best interests of the child. The court made independent findings, supported by clear and convincing evidence, that the mother is unwilling or unable to protect Destiny from jeopardy and these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs. *Id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i); *In re Scott S.*, 2001 ME 114, ¶ 19, 775 A.2d 1144, 1150-51. Moreover, the record contains sufficient evidence for the trial court rationally to have found clear and convincing evidence that the mother is unwilling or unable to protect Jacqueline and Juanita from jeopardy and that these circumstances are unlikely to change within a timeframe reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i); *In re Marcus S.*, 2007 ME 24, ¶ 6, 916 A.2d 225, 227.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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