

IN RE KAENA N. et al.

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Decided June 9, 2009

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Kaena N. and Taleah N. appeals from a judgment terminating his parental rights to the children entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Beliveau, J.*). Contrary to the father's contention, which was not properly preserved for appellate review, the court acted within its statutory authority and committed no error of law in terminating the father's parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4041(2)(A-2)(2) (2008); *Estate of Kingsbury*, 2008 ME 79, ¶ 7, 946 A.2d 389, 393; *In re Frederick P.*, 2001 ME 138, ¶ 15, 779 A.2d 957, 961. In addition, sufficient evidence exists in the record on which the court could find, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one ground of parental unfitness, and that termination of the father's parental rights is in the children's best interests. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2008); *In re Alana S.*, 2002 ME 126, ¶ 15, 802 A.2d 976, 980.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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