

IN RE CHRISTAL M.

Submitted on Briefs October 27, 2011  
Decided November 1, 2011

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Christal M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Beliveau, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2010). Contrary to the mother's contention, the absence of an order ceasing reunification efforts did not preclude the court from terminating her parental rights. *See In re Jeremiah Y.*, 2002 ME 135, ¶ 8, 804 A.2d 357. Furthermore, the record supports the court's findings by clear and convincing evidence of at least one ground of parental unfitness and that termination of parental rights is in the child's best interest. *See In re Thomas D.*, 2004 ME 104, ¶ 21, 854 A.2d 195.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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