

IN RE CHILDREN OF BRENT S.

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Decided November 29, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Brent S. and the mother of three of his children appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Lincoln, *Szylvian, J.*) terminating their parental rights to the three children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2022). Contrary to the parents' contentions, the court did not, based on its weighing of the evidence, err or abuse its discretion in finding parental unfitness and determining that termination of each parent's parental rights was in the best interest of each of the children given the duration of the children's placements in foster care, the parents' failure to cooperate in services to address concerns about substance use, the parents' persistently unstable housing situation, and the parents' continued involvement with law enforcement. *See id.*; *In re Child of Kimberlee C.*, 2018 ME 134, ¶ 5, 194 A.3d 925; *In re Cameron B.*, 2017 ME 18, ¶ 11, 154 A.3d 1199; *In re Child of Amber L.*, 2018 ME 91, ¶¶ 7-8, 188 A.3d 876.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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