

IN RE CHILD OF GENE D.

Submitted on Briefs November 17, 2022

Decided November 29, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Gene D. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Sutton, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. Contrary to the father's contentions, the trial court's finding of parental unfitness was fully supported by competent record evidence. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii), (iv) (2022); *In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶¶ 7-9, 236 A.3d 438; *In re Child of Scott A.*, 2019 ME 123, ¶¶ 9, 13-15, 213 A.3d 117. Furthermore, the trial court did not abuse its discretion in denying the father's request for a permanency guardianship and determining that termination of the father's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Child of Kimberly K.*, 2019 ME 145, ¶¶ 10-14, 217 A.3d 63.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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