

IN RE CHILD OF JEFFREY P.

Submitted on Briefs July 19, 2022  
Decided July 26, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jeffrey P. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bridgton, *Churchill, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child following an evidentiary hearing. Contrary to the father's contentions, the record contains sufficient evidence to support the court's findings that the father abandoned the child; was unwilling or unable to protect the child from jeopardy and that those circumstances were unlikely to change within a time which is reasonably calculated to meet the needs of the child; and failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(1-A), 4041, 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (iii)-(iv) (2022); *In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶¶ 7-9, 236 A.3d 438; *In re Child of Olivia F.*, 2019 ME 149, ¶¶ 5-8, 217 A.3d 1106; *In re Children of Jessica D.*, 2019 ME 70, ¶ 6, 208 A.3d 363.<sup>1</sup>

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> Although the father did not challenge the court's finding that termination was in the child's best interest, we note that on this record the court's conclusion was well within its discretion. *See In re Child of Stacy H.*, 2020 ME 66, ¶ 8, 232 A.3d 212.

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