

IN RE CHILD OF CUSHAW B.

Submitted on Briefs September 21, 2022

Decided September 29, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Cushaw B. appeals from a jeopardy order entered by the District Court (Springvale, *Duddy, J.*) in which the court found as an aggravating factor that he had abandoned his child. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(1-A), (1-B)(D), (6), 4035 (2022). We discern no clear error in the finding of abandonment because there is competent evidence in the record to support the court's findings that the father failed to respond to notice of child protective proceedings, indicated an intent to forego parental duties, and did not participate in reunification efforts. *See id.* § 4002(1-A)(C), (E), (F); *see also* 22 M.R.S. § 4041(1-A)(B)(2) (2022); *In re Olivia F.*, 2019 ME 149, ¶ 8, 217 A.3d 1106; *In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶¶ 13-15, 912 A.2d 572.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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