

IN RE CHILD OF JOHN C.

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Decided December 3, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

John C. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (South Paris, *Oram, A.R.J.*) finding that his child is in circumstances of jeopardy in his care pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4035 (2024). On appeal, the father challenges some of the court's specific factual findings and argues that the evidence is inadequate to support the trial court's ultimate finding of jeopardy by a preponderance of the evidence. Contrary to the father's contentions, there is more than sufficient evidence in the record to support the trial court's findings. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4002(6)(A) (2024); *In re Child of Jasmine B.*, 2020 ME 62, ¶¶ 4, 6, 232 A.3d 240 (concluding that the court did not err in finding that returning the child to the parent's custody would subject the child to a threat of serious harm); *In re Kaliyah B.*, 2017 ME 134, ¶ 5, 166 A.3d 117. Furthermore, to the extent the father's due process challenges are reviewable on appeal, we discern no violation of the father's right to due process. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4006 (2024); *In re Child of James R.*, 2018 ME 50, ¶¶ 16-17, 182 A.3d 1252; *In re Z.S.*, 2015 ME 110, ¶ 8, 121 A.3d 1286; *In re Dakota P.*, 2005 ME 2, ¶¶ 11-14, 863 A.2d 280.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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