

IN RE CHILD OF DEREK B.

Submitted on Briefs December 30, 2024

Decided January 7, 2025

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Derek B. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Woodman, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b) (2024). We affirm the judgment because (1) the court did not err in finding the father parentally unfit due to his inability to take responsibility for the child or protect the child from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child’s needs, his abandonment of the child, and his failure to engage in reunification efforts; and (2) the court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the father’s parental rights was in the best interests of the child, who has extensive medical needs. *See id.*; *In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶¶ 13, 21, 300 A.3d 832; *In re James C.*, 2018 ME 9, ¶ 5, 177 A.3d 1279.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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