

IN RE PETERSON & RYAN C.

Submitted on Briefs July 26, 2000
Decided August 10, 2000

Panel: WATHEN, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, SAUFLEY, and
ALEXANDER JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

[¶1] The father of Peterson and Ryan C. appeals from the judgment entered in the District Court (Skowhegan, *Clapp, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his sons. Contrary to the father's contention, the sexual offender treatment ordered by the court does not violate his privilege against self-incrimination, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4015 (1992); when a crime is an element of a civil claim, the criminal element does not have to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, *see Ellis v. Buzzell*, 60 Me. 209 (1872); the court did not err in denying his motion to remove the termination proceeding to the Superior Court, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4031(1) (1992 & Supp. 1999); and the evidence was sufficient to terminate his parental rights. *See In re Jon N.*, 2000 ME 123, ¶ 6, 754 A.2d 346, --- (citing *In re David G.*, 659 A.2d 859, 861 (Me. 1995).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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