

IN RE MISTY B.

Submitted on briefs September 27, 2000
Decided October 23, 2000

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Misty B. appeals from the judgment entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Gorman, J.*) terminating her parental rights and responsibilities with regards to her daughter. Contrary to the mother's contention, the District Court's harmless error in relieving the Department of Human Services of its duty to provide reunification services in the jeopardy proceedings, *In re Misty B.*, 2000 ME 67, ¶ 14, 749 A.2d 754, 758, produced no prejudice in the termination proceeding. Furthermore, the mother's assertion that the court improperly allowed hearsay testimony at the termination hearing is groundless. The testimony complained of was not hearsay, and, in any event, it was cumulative of evidence that had already been properly admitted. Finally, the record supports the court's findings that the mother is unable to protect Misty from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet her needs, that she is unable to take responsibility for Misty within a time reasonably calculated to meet her

needs, and that termination of her parental rights is in Misty's best interests. 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (1992).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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