

IN RE MICHAEL G. et al

Submitted on Briefs October 18, 2000
Decided October 30, 2000

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The parents of Michael G. and Brianna G. appeal a judgment entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Gorman, J.*) terminating their parental rights to those children pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055 (1992 & Supp. 1999), and also appeal that court's decision after judicial review to decline to order Stephanie L. and Crystal G. returned to their parents. Contrary to the contentions of the parents: (1) there was sufficient clear and convincing evidence to support the findings of the court that the parents are not able to protect Michael and Brianna from jeopardy and those circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the needs of the children, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), that the parents are unable to take responsibility for the children within a time reasonably calculated to meet the needs of the children, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(ii), and that termination is in the best interest of the children, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); and (2) the court's findings were

sufficient to inform the parents of the basis of the decision, *see In re David G.*, 659 A.2d 859, 862 (Me. 1995).

To the extent that the appeal of the court's decision to maintain custody of Stephanie and Crystal with the Department of Human Services is properly before us, *see* 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 4006, 4038 (1992 & Supp. 1999), we discern no error nor abuse of the court's discretion in the court's action.

The entry is:

Judgments affirmed.

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