

IN RE KEVIN M. et al.

Submitted on Briefs November 21, 2000
Decided December 6, 2000

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father of Kevin M., Randy M., and Carletta M. appeal the judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Gorman, J.*) terminating their parental rights. Contrary to the mother's contention, the record contains sufficient evidence to support the findings of the court that it is in the best interests of the children for the mother's parental rights to be terminated. *See* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (1992). Contrary to the father's contentions, the court did not err by finding that the father is (1) unable to protect the children from jeopardy and these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs; and (2) unable to take responsibility for them within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i) & (ii) (1992). Furthermore, the court did not err in denying the father an opportunity to elicit irrelevant evidence from witnesses, nor did the court err in considering the evidence presented at previous hearings in this matter, *see In re Leona T.* 642 A.2d 166, 168 (Me. 1994).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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