

IN RE TASHA C. et al.

Submitted on Briefs November 7, 2001
Decided November 9, 2001

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Tasha C. and Alexander C. appeals the judgment of the District Court (Rockland, *Anderson, J.*) terminating his parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4055 (1992 & Supp. 2000). Contrary to the father's claims: (1) he was not deprived due process, *see In re Kristy Y.*, 2000 ME 98, ¶ 7, 752 A.2d 166, 169; (2) the court did not improperly rely upon evidence presented to a previous judge, *see In re Scott S.*, 2001 ME 114, ¶ 12, 775 A.2d 1144, 1149; (3) the court did not consider the best interest of the children before determining parental unfitness, *see id.* ¶ 19, 775 A.2d at 1150-51; and (4) there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's findings that the father is unable to protect the children 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) & (1-A)(C), and termination is in the best interest of the children, *see id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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