

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION ONE

IN THE INTEREST OF: M.T. & M.T.,)	No. ED99959
)	
Appellant,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.)	
)	Honorable David C. Mason
JUVENILE OFFICER,)	
)	
Respondent.)	FILED: May 20, 2014

J.T. ("Father") appeals from the trial court's judgment, following an adjudication hearing and dispositional hearing, granting petitions filed by the St. Louis Family Court's Juvenile Officer ("Juvenile Officer") in the City of St. Louis, alleging that twins, M.T. ("Daughter") and M.T. ("Son") come within the provisions of Section 211.031, RSMo., requiring the juveniles be placed in protective custody of the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division ("Children's Division") because they were without proper care, custody or support. At the close of the adjudication hearing, the trial court ordered that the juveniles remain in protective custody and be in the legal custody of the Children's Division. The trial court immediately proceeded to a dispositional hearing, granting legal custody to Children's Division, for appropriate placement.

DISMISSED.

Division One Holds: Father's appeal from the trial court's judgment placing Father's children in the protective custody of the Children's Division is moot because the children are now in Mother's full custody and the trial court terminated its jurisdiction. Because a decision granting Father's points on appeal would be insignificant in granting him relief, we find the legal controversy has ceased and dismiss Father's appeal.

Opinion by: Roy L. Richter, P.J.
Clifford H. Ahrens, J., and Glenn A. Norton, J., concur

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