OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION FOUR

IN THE INTEREST OF: T.M.L., K.A.L., and K.M.L.	)	No. ED108807
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	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of St. Louis County
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	)	Honorable Sandra Farragut-Hemphill
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	)	FILED: December 22, 2020

M.L.R. ("Father") appeals the trial court's judgments terminating his parental rights to his minor children, T.M.L., K.A.L. and K.M.L. Father asserts the trial court erred in failing to grant him a continuance or allowing him to reopen the evidence so he could testify. Father also argues the trial court erred in terminating his parental rights because there was insufficient clear, cogent and convincing evidence to support the findings made pursuant to section 211.447.5(2),(3) and (5). Father also contends the trial court's findings pursuant to section 211.447.7 were against the logic of the circumstances and constituted an abuse of discretion.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: The trial court abused its discretion in not considering the merits of Father's Motion to Reopen Trial Evidence.

Opinion by: Michael E. Gardner, J.
Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., P.J., and Philip M. Hess, J., concur.

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