

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION FOUR

IN THE INTEREST OF:) No. ED101743
V.C.N.C. & T.D.C.C.,)
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Minor Children.) Appeal from the Circuit Court
) of the City of St. Louis
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) Honorable David Mason
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) FILED: March 10, 2015

Van Courtney ("Father") and Tammy Harris ("Mother") (collectively, "Appellants") appeal from the trial court's judgment terminating parental rights ("TPR") pursuant to Sections 244.447.5(1)-(3), RSMo (2014).

AFFIRMED.

Division Four Holds: Based on the record on appeal, we find the trial court's decision to terminate the parental rights of Father and Mother was supported by clear, cogent and convincing evidence of abandonment, neglect, and failure to rectify harmful conditions. We also find that the denials of Father and Mother's respective motions for continuance were not abuses of discretion. Finally, the trial court considering evidence beyond the scope of what was presented at trial did not substantially prejudice Father or Mother and did not result in reversible error. We affirm.

Opinion by: Roy L. Richter, J.
Patricia L. Cohen, P.J., and Robert M. Clayton III, J., concur.

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