

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION THREE

IN THE INTEREST OF:)	No. ED98307
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D.L.W. AND A.M.J.W.,)	
)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
Minors.)	of St. Louis County
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)	Honorable Michael David Burton
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)	FILED: October 30, 2012

Appellant, R.L.W., ("Father") appeals from the trial court's judgment terminating his parental rights with his children A.M.J.W. and D.L.W. (collectively, "Children"). Father alleges that the trial judge erred in failing to grant his motion for continuance and, further, that the trial judge erred in admitting evidence of his unsuccessful completion of sex-offender counseling. We affirm the trial court's denial of Father's motion for continuance and affirm the court's judgment terminating Father's parental rights.

AFFIRMED

Division Three Holds: The trial court's termination of Father's parental rights was not affected by the admission of evidence regarding Father's unsuccessful completion of sex-offender counseling. Rather, based on evidence in the record of Father's sexual abuse of his daughter, his abandonment of his children, and his parental unfitness, there was significant evidence supporting the trial court's termination of Father's parental rights. Further, the trial court did not abuse its discretion in denying Father's motion for continuance, in that his motion failed to comply with Rule 65.03. Additionally, the denial of Father's motion for continuance did not violate Father's procedural or substantive due process rights.

Opinion by: Roy L. Richter, P.J.
Robert G. Dowd, Jr., J., and Angela T. Quigless, J., concur.

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