

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
FIFTH DISTRICT

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L.P., FATHER OF L.P. AND K.P., CHILDREN,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 5D14-2549

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,

Appellee.

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Opinion filed October 15, 2014

Appeal from the Circuit Court  
for Volusia County,  
Thomas G. Portuallo, Judge.

Jeffrey Deen, Appellate Counsel, and Ryan  
Thomas Truskoski, Special Assistant  
Regional Counsel, of Office of the Criminal  
and Civil Regional Counsel, Casselberry,  
for Appellant.

Ward L. Metzger, of Department of Children  
and Families, Jacksonville, for Appellee.

Wendie Michelle Cooper, of Guardian ad  
Litem Program, Tavares, for Guardian ad  
Litem.

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED. See M.A. v. Dep't of Children & Families, 814 So. 2d 1244, 1244 (Fla.  
5th DCA 2002) (finding "the trial court could not terminate the father's parental rights

under section 39.806(1)(e), Florida Statutes, because the children were not adjudicated dependent 'as to him,'" but "nonetheless affirm[ing] the trial court's order of termination because parental rights may be terminated without a finding of dependency when abandonment is proven pursuant to the requisites of section 39.806(1)(b)").

SAWAYA, BERGER and WALLIS, JJ., concur.