

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

JULY TERM 2006

R.W., MOTHER OF A.W., A CHILD,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 5D06-1828

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,

Appellee.

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Opinion filed November 14, 2006

Appeal from the Circuit Court
for Marion County,
S. Sue Robbins, Judge.

Shirley Clark Ayers, Ocala, for Appellant.

Ralph J. McMurphy, Department of
Children and Families, Wildwood, for
Appellee.

Thomas Wade Young, of Statewide
Guardian ad Litem Program, Orlando.

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED. See D.D. v. Dep't of Children & Families, 849 So. 2d 473 (Fla. 4th
DCA 2003) (holding that dependency statute's 30-day time limitation during which to
hold an adjudicatory hearing in a dependency case is not mandatory for protection of
parent's rights, but directory for protection of child; State's compelling interest to protect

well-being of child is paramount to parent's rights, and other sections of dependency statute allow for continuances and extensions when in best interests of child).

GRIFFIN, PALMER and ORFINGER, JJ., concur.