

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
FIRST DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

S.M., mother of M.M. and I.M.,
children,

Appellant,

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DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

v.

CASE NO. 1D02-4616

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES,

Appellee.

Opinion filed July 2, 2003.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Duval County.
Linda F. McCallum, Judge.

Connie Renee Clay, Esquire, Jacksonville, for Appellant.

M. Paul Sanders, Assistant General Counsel, Jacksonville, for Appellee.

PER CURIAM.

The Department did not meet its statutory duties in this case because it did not make “reasonable efforts” to reunite the mother and her children, as required by section 39.806(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2002). For this reason, we reverse the order terminating the mother’s parental rights.

WOLF, C.J. and ERVIN, J., concur; BENTON, J., dissents.