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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JANUARY TERM, A.D. 2004

J.B., \*\*

Appellant, \*\*

vs. \*\* CASE NO. 3D03-2729

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN\*\* LOWER

AND FAMILY SERVICES, TRIBUNAL NO. 99-15830

Appellee.

Opinion filed May 12, 2004.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Sarah I. Zabel, Judge.

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Ilene Herscher, for appellant.

Calianne P. Lantz; Hillary S. Kambour, for appellee.

Before GERSTEN, GREEN, and SHEPHERD, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

We affirm the order terminating the father's parental rights. Contrary to the father's assertions on appeal, the State amply established, by clear and convincing evidence, that he had abused, neglected or abandoned his children and/or that the children were at substantial risk of future abuse, neglect or abandonment. See Gaines v. Dep't of Children & Families, 711 So. 2d 190, 192 (Fla. 5<sup>th</sup> DCA 1998); see also S.D. v. Dep't of Children & Family Servs., 805 So. 2d 10, 11-14 (Fla. 3d DCA 2001); In the Interest of D.R., 812 So. 2d 447, 447-48 (Fla. 2d DCA 2002); M.B. v. Dep't of Children & Families, 739 So. 2d 716, 717 (Fla. 5<sup>th</sup> DCA 1999).

Affirmed.