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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Appeals

NO. 2018-CA-0534-ME

A.S.

APPELLANT

v.

APPEAL FROM FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
HONORABLE KATHY STEIN, JUDGE
ACTION NOS. 16-J-01196 AND 16-J-01196-001

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND
FAMILY SERVICES, COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY; AND K.S., A MINOR CHILD

APPELLEES

AND

NO. 2018-CA-0535-ME

A.S.

APPELLANT

v.

APPEAL FROM FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
HONORABLE KATHY STEIN, JUDGE
ACTION NOS. 16-J-01197 AND 16-J-01197-001

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND
FAMILY SERVICES, COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY; AND M.S., A MINOR CHILD

APPELLEES

AND

NO. 2018-CA-0536-ME

A.S.

APPELLANT

APPEAL FROM FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
v. HONORABLE KATHY STEIN, JUDGE
ACTION NOS. 16-J-01198 AND 16-J-01198-001

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND
FAMILY SERVICES, COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY; AND G.S., A MINOR CHILD

APPELLEES

AND

NO. 2018-CA-0537-ME

A.S.

APPELLANT

APPEAL FROM FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
v. HONORABLE KATHY STEIN, JUDGE
ACTION NOS. 16-J-01199 AND 16-J-01199-001

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND
FAMILY SERVICES, COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY; AND S.S., A MINOR CHILD

APPELLEES

AND

A.S.

APPELLANT

v.

APPEAL FROM FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
HONORABLE KATHY STEIN, JUDGE
ACTION NOS. 16-J-01200 AND 16-J-01200-001

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND
FAMILY SERVICES, COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY; AND B.S., A MINOR CHILD

APPELLEES

OPINION
AND ORDER
DISMISSING

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BEFORE: LAMBERT, TAYLOR, AND L. THOMPSON, JUDGES.

TAYLOR, JUDGE: A.S. brings these appeals from March 5, 2018, orders of the Fayette Circuit Court, Family Court Division (family court) placing her five children in the temporary custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Commonwealth of Kentucky (Cabinet) due to dependency, neglect, or abuse of said children. While the above-styled appeals were pending, the family court involuntarily terminated A.S.'s parental rights as to these five children. A.S. filed appeals from the orders involuntarily terminating her parental rights to each of her

five children (Appeal Nos. 2019-CA-0059-ME, 2019-CA-0060-ME, 2019-CA-0061-ME, 2019-CA-0062-ME, and 2019-CA-0063-ME). By Opinion rendered August 21, 2020, this Court affirmed the family court orders involuntarily terminating A.S.'s parental rights to the five children.

It is well-established that “an appellate court is required to dismiss an appeal when a change in circumstance renders that court unable to grant meaningful relief to either party.” *Commonwealth, Ky. Bd. of Nursing v. Sullivan Univ. Sys., Inc.*, 433 S.W.3d 341, 344 (Ky. 2014) (quoting *Med. Vision Group, P.S.C. v. Philpot*, 261 S.W.3d 485, 491 (Ky. 2008)). If an appeal is moot, this Court is deprived of jurisdiction as no actual case or controversy exists. *Sullivan Univ. Sys., Inc.*, 433 S.W.3d at 344 (citing *Commonwealth v. Hughes*, 873 S.W.2d 828, 829 (Ky. 1994)).

As A.S.'s parental rights have been terminated and this Court affirmed such terminations, we are unable to grant A.S. any meaningful relief in the above-styled appeals from orders adjudicating her five children to be dependent, neglected, or abused. Consequently, these appeals are moot, and this Court is deprived of jurisdiction to consider them.

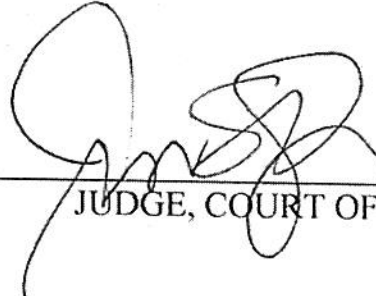
Now, therefore, be it ORDERED that Appeal Nos. 2018-CA-0534-ME, 2018-CA-0535-ME, 2018-CA-0536-ME, 2018-CA-0537-ME, and 2018-CA-0538-ME are hereby DISMISSED as moot.

ALL CONCUR.

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JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS

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