IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 1-895 / 00-1990
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IN RE M.P. AND C.P., Minor Children,

R.P., Father,
Appellant.

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Polk County, Richard B. Clogg, District Associate Judge.

The father appeals the CINA adjudication and dispositional order placing the children with their mother. **AFFIRMED.**

Catherine K. Levine, Des Moines, for appellant.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, and Kathrine S. Miller-Todd, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee-State.

Nicole Garbis Nolan, Des Moines, for minor child.

Considered by Sackett, C.J., and Mahan and Hecht, JJ.

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MAHAN, J.

Robert appeals the CINA adjudication and dispositional order placing his two daughters with their mother. He claims the State failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the children had been, or were imminently likely to be, sexually abused. We review his claim de novo. *In re M.T.*, 613 N.W.2d. 690, 691 (Iowa Ct. App. 2000).

Melissa was born on December 23, 1993, and Courtney on March 3, 1996. We find that it is basically undisputed in this case that these girls have been exhibiting grossly inappropriate sexual behaviors. Even Robert admits to seeing "odd behaviors" from his daughters. A daycare provider witnessed Robert rubbing Melissa's back, chest, stomach, and genital area above the vagina. Two other daycare providers also expressed concerns about the girls' sexual acting-out behavior and the actions of Robert. Melissa reported that the girls sleep, shower, and dress with their father. She also reported that Robert would give both girls "road runner" or tongue kisses. She further reported that on one occasion she awakened to find Robert on top of her and that she had to clean some white sticky stuff off her body. Robert admits to taking an occasional shower with the girls. He admitted to police that Melissa walked in on him on two occasions while he was masturbating. He further admitted that both girls had seen his penis while he was urinating and that Melissa had actually touched it. Finally, the therapist testified, and the juvenile court found, that all inappropriate sexual behavior by the children has stopped since contact with the father has been terminated.

We strongly reject Robert's argument that the State failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence that Melissa and Courtney had been, or were imminently likely to be, sexually abused. Accordingly, we affirm.

AFFIRMED.