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IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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In the Interest of M.M., a Child

State of North Dakota, by and through

Williams County Social Services,

Petitioner and Appellee

v.

M.M., a child; M.M, Mother,

Respondents

and

J.J., Father,

Respondent and Appellant

No. 20200054

Appeal from the Juvenile Court of Williams County, Northwest Judicial District, the Honorable Paul W. Jacobson, Judge.

AFFIRMED.

Per Curiam.

Marlyce A. Wilder, Assistant State's Attorney, Williston, ND, for petitioner and appellee.

Benjamin C. Pulkrabek, Mandan, ND, for respondent and appellant.

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[¶1] J.J., M.M.’s father, appealed from a juvenile court judgment terminating his parental rights to M.M. The juvenile court found M.M. is deprived, the conditions and causes of the deprivation are likely to continue, M.M. has suffered or will probably suffer serious physical, mental, or emotional harm, and the child has been in constant care for at least 450 nights out of the last 660 nights. *See* N.D.C.C. § 27-20-44(1)(c)(1) and (2). On appeal, J.J. argues there was not clear and convincing evidence to support a termination of his parental rights, and he received ineffective assistance of counsel from his trial attorney. We conclude the juvenile court’s findings are supported by clear and convincing evidence and are not clearly erroneous. Regarding his ineffective assistance of counsel claim, the face of the record does not establish that J.J.’s counsel was ineffective under the guidelines in *State v. T.L.*, 2008 ND 131, ¶ 31, 751 N.W.2d 677. We summarily affirm under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(2) and (4).

[¶2] Jon J. Jensen, C.J.
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