

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of KIARA TENICE WATKINS and
TIARA UNIQUE WATKINS, Minors

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MICHAEL GENTRIES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TOREENA DELORES WATKINS and RICKY
WILLIAMS,

Respondents

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No. 202694

LC No. 95-332901

Before: Michael J. Kelly, P.J., and Fitzgerald and M.G. Harrison*, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Respondent Gentries appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating his parental rights as to the minor child, Tiara Watkins, under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were supported by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Moreover, respondent-appellant failed to show that terminating his parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interest. Thus, the court did not err in terminating those rights. *In re Smith, supra*.

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Michael G. Harrison