

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of RHONDA KENESE ELAM,
CORTNEY TRACY WARD, TRAONNA DERIS
WARD, and KELSEY DENNIS WARD, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TRACEY HENRY WARD,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ARTEASHIA LYNNAE ELAM,

Respondent.

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November 6, 1998

No. 204537
Wayne Juvenile Court
LC No. 95-333182

Before: Young, Jr., P.J., and Wahls and Jansen, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from a juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children 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 clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Robert P. Young, Jr.

/s/ Myron H. Wahls

/s/ Kathleen Jansen