

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of ERICA MONICA SPARKS,  
COREY DE ANDRE SPARKS, DENARD ROMEL  
BATTISTE, JR., and MONICA RENA BATTISTE,  
Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DENISE PORTIA SPARKS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ALLEN LAMAR ROGERS, DEANDRE RENARD  
I. SMITH, DENARD R. BETTISTE, SR., and  
ALLEN LAMONT CROCKETT,

Respondents.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed leave granted from the juvenile court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(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 Conley*, 216 Mich App 41, 42; 549 NW2d 353 (1996). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental

rights was clearly not in the minor 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