

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ANTHONY NOEL GATLIN, JR.,
ANTONIO VERNEIL GATLIN and ANTOYNINA
S. CHATMAN, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANTHONY NOAH GATLIN, SR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

NINA SHAREECE CHATMAN, a/k/a NINA
SHEREECE CHATMAN,

Respondent.

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No. 209316

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 89-277414

Before: Murphy, P.J., and MacKenzie and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed leave granted from a lower court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

On appeal, respondent-appellant challenges the termination of his parental rights under § 19b(3)(c)(i) only. Because only one statutory ground is necessary to terminate parental rights and because respondent-appellant does not challenge the lower court's termination of his parental rights under §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j), respondent-appellant is not entitled to appellate relief. *Roberts & Son Contracting, Inc v North Oakland Development Corp*, 163 Mich App 109, 113; 413 NW2d 744 (1987).

In any event, the lower court did not clearly err in finding that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was warranted under § 19b(3)(c)(i). *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW 156 (1997); *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 51-52; 501 NW2d 231 (1993). 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). Therefore, the lower court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *In re Hall-Smith, supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy
/s/ Barbara B. MacKenzie
/s/ Michael J. Talbot