

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of MALCOLM JEFFRIES, JR.,
MONTREAL JEFFRIES, and KLAIVON
JACKSON, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MALCOLM JEFFRIES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CLARENCE JACKSON,

Respondent.

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March 26, 1999

No. 213522

Kalamazoo Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-000092 NA

Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Jansen and Collins, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant (hereafter "respondent") appeals as of right from a family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(h); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(h). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent failed to show that termination of his parental rights was "clearly not" in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19(b)(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*,

222 Mich App 470, 472; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins