

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of AMANDA LYNN
DOMANOWSKI, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JAMES THOMAS DOMANOWSKI,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 212563
Wayne County Circuit Court
Juvenile Division
LC No. 95-325364

Before: McDonald, P.J., and Hood and Doctoroff, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals by application for delayed appeal granted the juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

Although the juvenile court terminated respondent's parental rights under *both* § 19b(3)(c)(i) and § 19b(3)(g), respondent has not briefed the merits of the court's decision with respect to § 19b(3)(g). Therefore, appellate relief is not warranted with respect to the issue whether a statutory ground for termination was sufficiently proven. *In re JS & SM*, 231 Mich App 92, 98-99; ___ NW2d ___ (1998) (failure to brief the merits of an allegation of error is deemed abandonment of an issue); *Roberts & Son Contracting, Inc v North Oakland Development Corp*, 163 Mich App 109, 113; 413 NW2d 744 (1987) (failure to address an issue which necessarily must be reached precludes relief). In any event, we are satisfied that the juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that both statutory grounds were proven by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, because respondent failed to show that termination of his parental rights was "clearly not" in the child's best interests, MCL 712A.19(b)(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), the juvenile court did not err in terminating his

parental rights to the child. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff