

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

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In the Matter of JOSHUA KOPE, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

BETTY SUE KOPE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LEMAR LAMBERT,

Respondent.

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No. 215695

Jackson Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-019585

Before: White, P.J., and Markey and Wilder, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g) and (j). 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 grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I), *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 344-345; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the child'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 family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

We affirm.

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder