

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of BELINDA MARIE WHITE, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KENNETH HALL, JR.,

Appellant,

and

JENNIFER WHITE,

Respondent.

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No. 215432

Monroe Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-012694 NA

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Zahra and Pavlich*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Appellant appeals a family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii) and (g). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E)(1)(c).

Because appellant never legally established that he was the father of the minor child, he is not a “respondent” within the meaning of MCR 5.903(C)(7), *In re Gillespie*, 197 Mich App 440, 446; 496 NW2d 309 (1992), and, therefore, has no standing to raise a jurisdictional challenge in this case, *In re Foster*, 226 Mich App 348, 358; 573 NW2d 324 (1997), citing *Solomon v Lewis*, 184 Mich App 819, 822; 459 NW2d 505 (1990). Similarly, appellant lacks standing to challenge the court’s decision terminating his parental rights, which he never possessed. *Id.* See also *Gillepsie, supra*. Moreover,

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

even if we were to consider the issue, the record indicates that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Scott L. Pavlich