

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

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In the Matter of CHARLES D. MCLAURIN,  
CORNELL D. MCLAURIN, and MARQUAISA R.  
DORCH, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TAMMY MCLAURIN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHRISTOPHER DORCH and DARNELL SMITH,

Respondents.

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In the Matter of MARQUAISA R. DORCH, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TAMMY MCLAURIN and DARNELL SMITH,

Respondents,

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No. 219881

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-364562

No. 220125

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and

CHRISTOPHER DORCH,

Respondent-Appellant.

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Before: Hood, P.J., and Gage and Whitbeck, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In Docket No. 219881, respondent Tammy McLaurin appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the three minor children. In Docket No. 220125, respondent Christopher Dorch appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating his parental rights to the minor child, Marquaisa Dorch. The order provided that respondents' parental rights were terminated pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a), (c), (h), and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a), (c), (h), and (j). We affirm.

A court may terminate parental rights if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that one of the statutory grounds for termination exists. MCL 712A.19b(3); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3); *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1991). The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Hamlet (After Remand)*, 225 Mich App 505, 515; 571 NW2d 750 (1997). Furthermore, respondent Dorch, who was serving a life sentence for murder, failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 451; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent Dorch's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ William C. Whitbeck