

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

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In the Matter of ANTONIO LEON JORDAN  
and ASHLEY CHANTEL JORDAN, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANTHONY NORMAN JORDAN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CLARISSA EUNICE SIMMONS,

Respondent.

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No. 227438

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-372704

Before: Collins, P.J., and Doctoroff and White, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed leave granted the family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (h) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g), (h) 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 Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Respondent-appellant's lengthy and violent criminal history, his being denied parole and the resultant uncertainty regarding his release in the near future, and his failure to provide for or even inquire about his children for a year following his notification that they were in foster care amply support the family court's decision. Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Affirmed.

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins  
/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff  
/s/ Helene N. White