

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of BMG, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KENNETH GRIFFIN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MILLICENT KING,

Respondent.

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June 15, 2001

No. 231895

St. Joseph Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-000576-NA

Before: Bandstra, C.J., and White and Collins, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Kenneth Griffin (respondent) appeals as of right from the order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (m). We affirm.

The circuit court did not 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, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence showed that respondent had no contact with the minor child for at least six months prior to the termination hearing, and that at the time of the hearing, he had no employment and no housing. Accordingly, the court did not err in finding that respondent failed to provide proper care or custody, and there was no reasonable expectation that respondent would be able to provide proper care and custody within a reasonable time considering the child's age. MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). The evidence also showed that respondent's parental rights to another child were voluntarily terminated. MCL 712A.19b(3)(m). Further, the evidence did not establish that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the

child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins