

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of LA TIVIA ITALYA GREEN and
ZINA MIUSHIA GREEN, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ALONZO D. GREEN,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 229771
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 97-361605

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Gage and C. H. Miel*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

As his sole issue on appeal, respondent asserts that the family court erroneously terminated his parental rights under § 19b(3)(c)(i). However, a review of the record reveals that the court did not rely on § 19b(3)(c)(i) as a statutory basis for termination. Rather, the court found that termination was warranted pursuant to §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j). Because respondent does not address the family court's decision to terminate his parental rights under §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j), appellate relief is not warranted. See *In re JS & SM*, 231 Mich App 92, 98-99; 585 NW2d 326 (1998), overruled on other grounds by *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 353; 612 NW2d 407 (2000) (failure to brief the merits of an allegation of error is deemed abandonment of the issue); *Roberts & Son Contracting, Inc v North Oakland Development Corp*, 163 Mich App 109, 113; 413 NW2d 744 (1987) (failure to address an issue which necessarily must be reached precludes appellate relief).

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

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Charles H. Miel