

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of SAMILA YVETTE JACKSON,
SAMISHA TANA JACKSON, and DEL-RIO
DAYSHAWN SHARPE, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

URSULA EVETTA TATUM,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

BRUCE SHARPE,

Respondent.

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No. 227994

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-352091

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Ursula Evetta Tatum appeals as of right from an order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (g), 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 Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). There was evidence that respondent physically abused one of the children on at least two occasions resulting in a lacerated liver and extensive bruising for which she blamed a one year old sibling. Further, respondent did not prevent her mother from abusing the same child on another occasion. The evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*,

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

462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Charles H. Miel