

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of PERRY LINDALL NEWTON,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

JAMIL NEWTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

NIKKO ANN HILL,

Respondent.

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September 21, 2001

No. 229636  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 97-354392

Before: Cavanagh, P.J., and Markey and Cooper, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

After carefully reviewing the record, we are satisfied that 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). Further, because at least one ground for termination was established, the court was required to terminate respondent-appellant's parental rights unless the court found that termination was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The court's finding regarding the child's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *Trejo, supra*. Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

We affirm.

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper