

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of BW, LW, and RW, III, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

ROBERT WILLS, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TINA LEE,

Respondent.

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No. 234880

Ottawa Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-034080-NA

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and Markey and K.F. Kelly, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by right the trial court's order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The court's factual findings were supported by the evidence and, thus, were not clearly erroneous. *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 51; 501 NW2d 231 (1993); see, also, MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one statutory ground was established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 350, 352, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The evidence in this case revealed that the children needed stability and that although appellant did make some progress during the proceedings in this matter, he failed to demonstrate sufficient progress to show that he could provide a stable environment for the children for any lengthy amount of time. For example, appellant failed to maintain adequate housing and employment, failed to overcome his domestic violence issues, failed to comply with court orders entered to provide stability for the children, and failed to demonstrate concern for the emotional well-being of his daughters who appeared to have been sexually abused. Further, because at least one ground for termination was established, the court was required to terminate appellant's parental rights unless the court found that that termination was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, *supra* at 354, 364-365. The trial court's finding regarding the children's best interests

was not clearly erroneous. *Trejo, supra*. The court did not err in terminating appellant's parental rights to the children.

We affirm.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly