

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of G.L.B., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LAWRENCE BROOKS, SR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DEBRA BROOKS-WINTERS, a/k/a DEBRA
WINTERS RUCINSKI, a/k/a DEBRA D.
RUCINSKI,

Respondent.

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No. 237961

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-386003

Before: Hoekstra, P.J., and Wilder and Zahra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Brooks appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination had been proved by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Although respondent made some progress toward completion of his treatment plan, the evidence showed that after fifteen months he was not able to demonstrate substantial compliance. Respondent had not successfully treated his drug abuse problem, had not established a steady source of income adequate to support himself and the child, and had continued to reside with respondent Brooks-Winters, who presented a risk of harm to the child due to her refusal to address her substance abuse problem. Further, the trial court did not clearly err in its determination that the evidence, on the whole record, did not clearly show that termination was clearly not in the child's best interest. *Id.* at 354, 356-357; MCL 712A.19b(5).

Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. *Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder

/s/ Brian K. Zahra