

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of J.F., Minor.

LORI A. HOSTETLER,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PETER L. FENTY,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED
December 13, 2002

No. 240934
Montcalm Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 01-000030-AD

Before: Owens, P.J., and Murphy and Cavanagh, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right the circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 710.51(6). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The circuit court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Hill*, 221 Mich App 683, 692; 562 NW2d 254 (1997). Respondent failed to substantially comply with the support order where he failed to pay twenty-five percent of the money he received while incarcerated. MCL 710.51(6)(a). Further, respondent failed to regularly and substantially contact or communicate with his son for a period of two years or more before the filing of the petition where the evidence showed he sent only one letter. MCL 710.51(6)(b). Thus, the circuit court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Donald S. Owens
/s/ William B. Murphy
/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh