

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of JANET LYNN FOONDLE,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

STEVEN CARL FOONDLE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TAMMY LYNN FOONDLE

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No. 255548  
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Family Division  
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Before: Murray, P.J., and Sawyer and Smolenski, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents appeal as of right from the trial court order terminating their parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The principal condition that led to adjudication was respondents' failure to recognize that exposing their child to a known sexual predator placed the child at risk of abuse. The evidence established that, after over a year of attempts to provide services, most of which were refused, respondents still not only maintained a relationship with the sex offender but advocated for his innocence despite his conviction of a sexual assault against his girlfriend and the minor child's revelation to her counselor that she had been sexually victimized by this man. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to their child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Christopher M. Murray

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski