

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TYRESHA MONIQUE MARTIN
and TYREECK SHUKAR MARTIN, Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, f/k/a
FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

UNPUBLISHED
December 20, 2005

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TERRENCE MARTIN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TAMMY RENEE WISEMAN,

Respondent.

No. 263085
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 03-419596-NA

Before: Owens, P.J. and Saad and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (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 were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The children were adjudicated court wards after respondent-appellant was arrested on probation violation charges while the children's mother was already in jail on a larceny charge. The evidence clearly demonstrated that respondent-appellant failed to comply with almost every requirement of the case treatment plan. He did not regularly attend court hearings and did not attend the permanent custody hearing. Respondent-appellant provided only one drug screen, which was positive for opiates. He did not complete parenting classes and never enrolled in therapy, despite being given referrals. He lacked suitable housing throughout

the case. Respondent-appellant failed to visit the children, and failed to maintain contact with the caseworker for more than one year before the permanent custody hearing.

Furthermore, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Donald S. Owens
/s/ Henry William Saad
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood