

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of ANAJRAE WALKER, Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHAWN CRISP,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHAYASURA WALKER<sup>1</sup>,

Respondent.

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February 8, 2007

No. 272922

Kent Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 05-053773-NA

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Fitzgerald and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Shawn Crisp appeals as of right from the order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

Respondent contends that it was not in the child's best interests to terminate his parental rights. The termination of parental rights is appropriate where petitioner proves by clear and convincing evidence at least one ground for termination. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 355; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Once this has occurred, the trial court shall terminate parental rights unless it finds that termination is clearly not in the best interests of the children. *Id.*, 353. This Court reviews the trial court's findings under the clearly erroneous standard. *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999).

Respondent obviously loves his daughter. However, the evidence demonstrated that he could not adequately care for her. At the time of the termination hearing, respondent was

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<sup>1</sup> Chayasura Walker did not appeal from the order terminating her parental rights.

incarcerated, and was expected to be released in April 2007. Respondent's criminal history included multiple drug charges and attempted robbery. The caseworker opined that termination of respondent's parental rights was in the child's best interests. She stated that the child deserved permanence and stability and that the child also deserved "to have a life free from drug activity and the effects of substance abuse." The evidence also demonstrated that the child was doing well in her foster care placement.

We conclude that the evidence presented did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. Thus, termination of respondent's parental rights was warranted.

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer  
/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald  
/s/ Pat M. Donofrio