

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of NGOZI FLORENCE
RAYMOND, Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ONYINYECHI JOY OGUNDO, a/k/a JOY O.
RAYMOND, a/k/a JOY ONYINYECHI
RAYMOND, a/k/a JOY RAYMOND,

Respondent-Appellant.

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January 3, 2008

No. 278949

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 06-460821-NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (g), (j), and (k)(i). 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 §§ 19b(3)(b)(i) and (j) were each established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). The evidence showed that respondent routinely inflicted severe physical abuse on the child for no rational reason, leaving her physically scarred and afraid of her mother. Additionally, in light of the evidence of severe physical abuse of the child, it was not improper for petitioner to request termination of respondent's parental rights at the initial dispositional hearing without providing services toward reunification. See MCL 712A.19a(2)(a) and MCL 722.638(1)(a)(iii).

Further, the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the child's best interests. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). The trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. *In re Trejo, supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Christopher M. Murray

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder