

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of J.L.S., Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TYTESHIA SPIKES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ALVON J. DAVIS,

Respondent.

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March 24, 2009

No. 287532

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 07-466379-NA

Before: Cavanagh, P.J., and Fort Hood and Davis, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Tyteshia Spikes appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (g), (j), and (k)(i). 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(G); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Respondent, who had placed two other children with guardians, exposed the child to domestic violence and physically struck her medically fragile son, which led to a conviction of fourth-degree child abuse. She did not satisfactorily complete the majority of services outlined for rehabilitation before disappearing altogether in January 2008.

Further, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, supra* at 356-357. Respondent visited her son only seven times during the 16 months that he was out of her

care, had not seen him at all since January 2008, and had not attended his various and frequent medical appointments to familiarize herself with his special needs. Therefore, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh  
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood  
/s/ Alton T. Davis