

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of PATRICIA ANN DODSON and
JEFFREY DOUGLAS DODSON, II, Minors.

DIANA LYNN CHERNICKY and BRAIN
PATRICK CHERNICKY,

Petitioners-Appellees,

v

JEFFREY DOUGLAS DODSON,

Respondent-Appellant.

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Nos. 205069;205073
Wayne Juvenile Court
LC Nos. 97-072140 SP
97-072141 SP

Before: Murphy, P.J., and Young, Jr. and M. R. Smith*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to his two children under § 51(6) of the adoption code, MCL 710.51(6); MSA 27.3178 (555.51)(6). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground set forth at MCL 710.51(6)(b) had been established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Hill*, 221 Mich App 683, 691-692; 562 NW2d 254 (1997). Petitioners clearly and convincingly established that respondent did not regularly and substantially visit, contact, or communicate with the children, despite having the ability to do so, for a period of two or more years before the filing of the petition. *In re Hill, supra* at 694-695.

Affirmed.

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

/s/ William B. Murphy
/s/ Robert P. Young, Jr.
/s/ Michael R. Smith