

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of STEPHANIE L. DRAHEIM, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KRISTEN LYN WALTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JAMES WALTON and ROBERT DRAHEIM,

Respondents.

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No. 205931

Genesee Juvenile Court

LC No. 96-107279 NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I), *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights. *Id.*

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

Also, the juvenile court did not abuse its discretion by excluding certain letters from respondent's friends, family members and employers. The record indicates that the letters were submitted after the order terminating her parental rights was entered. Regardless, there is nothing in the letters to indicate that the juvenile court erred in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights.

Affirmed.

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