

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ANTHONY DWIGHT BEAVERS,
JR., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANTHONY DWAYNE BEAVERS, Sr., a/k/a JOHN
TAYLOR,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

VALERIE ROSE MCFARLAND,

Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED

September 11, 1998

No. 206492

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 96-340930

Before: Holbrook, Jr., P.J., and Wahls and Cavanagh, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from a juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (h); MSA 27.3178(598.19b) (3)(g) and (h). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not deprive respondent-appellant of due process by failing to secure his physical presence in the courtroom. He participated by speaker-phone, was represented by counsel, and was permitted to testify. The procedure did not affect the outcome. *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 47; 501 NW2d 231 (1993).

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that 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). Also, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of his parental

rights was clearly not in the best interests of the child. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997); MCR 5.974(E)(2). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.

/s/ Myron H. Wahls

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh