

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of RACHEL ELAINE HARDY and
ZACHARY LEON HARDY, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANTHONY LEON HARDY,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 206160

Cass Juvenile Court

LC Nos. 95-000089 NA

95-000090 NA

Before: Whitbeck, P.J., and McDonald and T. G. Hicks*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the juvenile court's order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j); MSA 27.3178 (598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (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). Indeed, there was compelling evidence to support finding these grounds in light of the evidence of respondent's outrageous history of violence, drug and alcohol abuse and abandonment of these children and other children he fathered. Also, respondent failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Accordingly, the juvenile court properly terminated respondent's parental rights. *Id.*

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

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Timothy G. Hicks