

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of LARAE WALKER, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MELVIN L. WALKER, SR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ANTHONY VANCE and LATISE LITTLE,

Respondents.

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No. 208564

Kent Juvenile Court

LC No. 90-001353 NA

Before: Hood, P.J., and Griffin and O'Connell, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

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), (h), and (i); MSA 27.3178 (598.19b)(3)(g), (h), and (i). This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E). We affirm.

The juvenile court, upon considering respondent-appellant's conviction, length of sentence, and possibility for a successful appeal, did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination under § 19b(3)(h) was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Nor did the juvenile court clearly err in finding that grounds for termination under § 19b(3)(g) and (i) were also established by clear and convincing evidence. Therefore, because respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests, MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), the court did not err in terminating respondent-

appellant's parental rights to the child. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell