

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JO'VONTY LYNN ROSS, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ALLEN WALKER and DARLENE ROSS,

Respondents-Appellants.

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Nos. 210366,210679

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 92-301079

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Cavanagh and Fitzgerald, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondents appeal as of right from the juvenile court order terminating their parental rights to the minor child under 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 two of the statutory grounds for termination, MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g), were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The Court need not address whether termination of respondents' parental rights was proper under MCL 712A.19b(3)(j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(j) because respondents do not raise this issue on appeal, *In re JS & SM*, 231 Mich App 92, 98; 585 NW2d 326 (1998), and only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights. *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1991). Further, respondents failed to show that termination of their 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, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to the child. *Id.* In addition, the juvenile court did not abuse its discretion in denying respondent Walker's request for an adjournment where there was no good cause for adjournment and it would have been contrary to the best interests of the child, who had been in foster

care for most of his life and needed permanency. MCR 5.923(G)(2)(b); *Lansing v Hartsuff*, 213 Mich App 338, 350; 539 NW2d 781 (1995).

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald