

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of WILLIAM NICHOLAS POWELL,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

WILLIAM NICHOLAS POWELL,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DARLENE DINICE KINCER,

Respondent.

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No. 216330

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-348734

Before: Whitbeck, P.J., and Gribbs and White, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

The family court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(c)(i) and (g) were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974; *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Because only one statutory ground is required in order to terminate parental rights, *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1991), it is unnecessary to decide whether termination was also proper under §§ 19b(3)(a)(ii) or (h).

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); *In re Hall-Smith*,

222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating his parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Roman S. Gibbs

/s/ Helene N. White