

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of LISA DIANE SHAH, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

FARD ALI SHAH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TERESA ANN HARDNETT and RICHARD  
THORN,

Respondents.

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Before: Jansen, P.J., and Hoekstra and J. R. Cooper\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights. *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1991). Here, the family court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(b)(ii), (g), and (j) were all established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Therefore, it is unnecessary to determine whether termination was also warranted with respect to respondent-appellant under §§ 19b(3)(a)(ii) and (i). Finally, respondent-appellant failed to show that that termination of his parental rights was

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

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). We reject respondent-appellant's argument that the court could not properly terminate his parental rights where the caseworker expressed a change of heart and did not favor termination. We note that the prosecuting attorney and the child's attorney both continued to request termination, independent of the caseworker, as they are authorized to do. See MCL 712A.19b(1); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(1); MCR 5.974(a)(2). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper