

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of RIKKER WILLIAM STAFFORD,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LISA M. STAFFORD,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

December 10, 1999

No. 214009

Washtenaw Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-024490 NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights. *In re Jackson*, 199 Mich App 22, 25; 501 NW2d 182 (1993). Here, the family court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(c)(i), (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). Accordingly, we need not decide whether termination was also proper under § 19b(3)(b)(ii). Contrary to what respondent argues, this case is factually distinguishable from *In re Newman*, 189 Mich App 61; 472 NW2d 38 (1991). Next, respondent failed to show that termination of her 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 respondent's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

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

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper