

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ANTHONY RUBEN DAVID
BODNER, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SCOTT CAVAZOS,

Respondent-Appellant.

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April 18, 2000

No. 218888

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-338322

Before: Gribbs, P.J., and Doctoroff and T. L. Ludington*, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

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

Despite the fact that respondent never established paternity of the minor child, the family court was authorized to terminate his parental rights under the provisions of the juvenile code, MCL 712A.1 *et seq.*; MSA 27.3178(598.1) *et seq.*, as the child's putative father. *In the Matter of Bell*, 138 Mich App 184, 188; 360 NW2d 868 (1984). The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent 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,

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

472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Roman S. Gibbs

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff

/s/ Thomas L. Ludington