

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of DARRIUS LAJUAN HARDY,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

VENITA SMITH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

FREEMAN THOMAS HARDY a/k/a THOMAS  
HARDY,

Respondent.

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No. 220298

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 92-298956

Before: Wilder, P.J., and McDonald and Doctoroff, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Upon review of the record, we find that 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). Respondent-appellant does not challenge the trial court's termination order pursuant to § 19b(3)(i). Because only one statutory ground for termination must be established in order to terminate parental rights, *In re Huisman*, 230 Mich App 372, 384-385; 584 NW2d 349 (1998), we need not decide whether termination was also proper under §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her

parental rights was clearly not in the best interests of the child. 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-appellant's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff