STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of QUIESEAN KIMANN DAVIS and DEJON AMAD DAVIS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JARRED PETERSON, a/k/a BENNIE LAMARCUS PETERSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

QUIEMEKIA PAQUANA DAVIS,

Respondent.

Before: Jansen, P.J., and Hood and Saad, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating his parental rights to Quiesean Kimann Davis under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant admitted that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. See MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Although respondent-appellant presented evidence with regard to the child's best interests, the family court found that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights, in lieu of placement with relatives, was in the child's best interests. The family court did not clearly err in this determination. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997); *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich

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No. 220176 Oakland Circuit Court Family Division LC No. 97-063875-NA App 47, 52; 480 NW2d 293 (1991). Therefore, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith, supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen /s/ Harold Hood /s/ Henry William Saad