

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of COREY SCOTT CURTICE, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner - Appellee,

v

JEFFREY GRIFFITH,

Respondent - Appellant

and

TRACY CURTICE,

Respondent.

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July 25, 2000

No. 224229

Mecosta Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-003591-NA

Before: McDonald, P.J., and Neff and Zahra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights. *In re Huisman*, 230 Mich App 372, 384-385; 584 NW2d 349 (1998). The family court did not clearly err in finding that termination under subsection (3)(g) was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *Huisman, supra*.

Respondent pleaded guilty to sexually abusing the minor child’s half-sister and was incarcerated at the time of termination. Although he expected to be released within a few months, the conditions of his probation prohibited unsupervised contact with children under sixteen for two years after his release. These circumstances, along with respondent’s history of unstable living conditions, lack of steady employment, and his psychiatric evaluation evidence, supported the court’s conclusion that there was no

reasonable expectation that respondent could provide proper care and custody for the infant child within a reasonable time.

Respondent does not contend that termination 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; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, we conclude that the court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Brian K. Zahra