

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of FERRELL JERMAINE LEE, JR.,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
August 4, 2000

v

FERRELL JERMAINE LEE, SR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

No. 224516
Saginaw Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 98-025104-NA

and

KIWANA SHONTAE MCQUEEN,

Respondent.

Before: Saad, P.J., and Hoekstra and Markey, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by right the trial court's order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), and (g). We affirm.

Contrary to appellant's assertion, the court's factual findings were supported by the evidence and, thus, were not clearly erroneous. *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 51; 501 NW2d 231 (1993); see, also, MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one statutory ground was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller, supra*; *In re Huisman*, 230 Mich App 372, 384-385; 584 NW2d 349 (1998). During the eighteen months that the minor child was in foster care, appellant demonstrated that he could not provide a stable, drug-free, and suitable home for his son. The trial court's finding that termination was in the child's best interest

was not clearly erroneous, and the trial court did not err in terminating appellant's parental rights to the child. *In re Trejo*, ____Mich ____; ____NW2d____ (Docket No. 112528, issued July 5, 2000), slip op pp 27-28.

We affirm.

/s/ Henry William Saad

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Jane E. Markey