

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JASON MATTHEW MARTINEZ-
SUGGS, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LAWRENCE PAUL SUGGS, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ROSA IVETTE MARTINEZ,

Respondent.

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May 25, 2001

No. 228587

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 91-296697

Before: Jansen, P.J., and Zahra and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Although respondent-appellant also argues that reversal is required because a clear conflict existed between the child's attorney and the minor child, this issue is waived because respondent-appellant did not raise it in his statement of questions presented and has not cited any

authority in support of his position. *Caldwell v Chapman*, 240 Mich App 124, 132; 610 NW2d 264 (2000).

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Donald S. Owens