

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of ASHLEY LEON ALLENDER-  
PELLOT and STEPHANIE LEON ALLENDER-  
PELLOT, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,  
  
Petitioner-Appellee,

v

GABRIEL LEON PELLOT,  
  
Respondent-Appellee,

and

JULIE ALLENDER,  
  
Respondent.

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August 31, 2001

No. 230220  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 92-304909

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Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Gage and C. H. Miel\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Gabriel Pellot appeals as of right from the order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The juvenile 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 contends that petitioner-appellee made no effort to involve him in a treatment plan, and that his failure to make any attempt to plan for the children during their wardship should, therefore, not be held against him. However, the evidence establishes that respondent-appellant knew that his children had been made temporary wards, but that he skipped court hearings and made no contact with petitioner-appellee because he was trying to evade arrest on an outstanding warrant. Furthermore, we find that the evidence did not

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\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 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 children.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Charles H. Miel