

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of N.A.S., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANGEL BLEVINS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TED SCHUH,

Respondent.

In the Matter of E.L.S., Minor.

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Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Holbrook, Jr., and Doctoroff, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents appeal as of right from an order terminating their parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(ii), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not err in finding that 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). Respondents were in a position to have prevented the physical and sexual abuse of the girls by their babysitter, but failed to do so. Because of respondents' failure to accept responsibility and their failure to acknowledge the seriousness of the girls' injuries, respondents were clearly unable to provide proper care or custody and there was a reasonable likelihood that the girls would have been harmed if placed with respondents. Furthermore, the evidence did not show that termination of respondents' rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
/s/ Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.
/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff