

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of PARIS CAROLYNE POPE,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

LAVONNE FAITH POPE,

Respondent-Appellant.

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June 3, 2004

No. 251303

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-396927

Before: Markey, P.J., and Wilder and Meter, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (g), (i), and (j). We affirm.

Paris was removed from respondent as a newborn infant. Paris was born premature at twenty-eight weeks gestation, weighing only one pound, fourteen ounces. Respondent tested positive for cocaine and marijuana at the time of Paris' birth, admitted a twenty-year history of using drugs, and had her parental rights to an older child terminated less than four months before giving birth to Paris.<sup>1</sup> Although there was evidence that respondent had participated in substance abuse treatment after Paris' birth, she was not compliant with treatment at the time of the termination hearing and did not appear at the hearing.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that § § 19b(3)(g) and (j) were established by clear and convincing evidence.<sup>2</sup> MCR 3.977(J); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did not

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<sup>1</sup> This Court affirmed the termination of respondent's parental rights to her older child. *In re Perice Kelvin Pope*, unpublished opinion per curiam of the Court of Appeals, issued August 21, 2003 (Docket No. 246047).

<sup>2</sup> Because only one statutory ground is required for termination, we need not address the trial court's findings under § § 19b(3)(b)(i) and (i).

show that termination of respondent parental rights was clearly not in the best interests of the child. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Affirmed.

/s/ Jane E. Markey  
/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder  
/s/ Patrick M. Meter