

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of JOSHUA CLARK, Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PATRICK CLARK,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JODIE CLARK,

Respondent.

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May 9, 1997

No. 196776

Oakland Probate Court

LC No. 95-060659-NA

Before: Corrigan, C.J., and Young and Michael J. Talbot,\* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the June 13, 1996 order of the probate court terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii). We affirm.

Substituted service by publication in a newspaper in the county where the action was pending was proper under MCR 5.920(5)(c). Respondent-appellant has abandoned his argument that the probate court abused its discretion in terminating his parental rights by failing to argue that issue in his brief. *Mitcham v Detroit*, 355 Mich 182, 203; 94 NW2d 388 (1959).

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

Affirmed.

/s/ Maura D. Corrigan  
/s/ Robert P. Young, Jr.  
/s/ Michael J. Talbot