

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JAMES GREGORY KENT, II, and
STEVEN DEWAYNE KENT, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JAMES KENT,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

SANDRA KENT,

Respondent.

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No. 199064

Jackson Probate Court

LC No. 95-018668-NA

Before: Gage, P.J., and Reilly and Hoekstra

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the probate court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and(g). We affirm.

The probate 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). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interest. *In re Hall-Smith*, ___ Mich App ___; ___ NW2d ___ (Docket No. 195833, issued 3/25/97), slip op p 3. Thus, the probate court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5).

Affirmed.

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Maureen Pulte Reilly

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra