

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of DARLENE MONA TRICE, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
March 17, 1998

v

WILLIE WHITE,

Respondent-Appellant.

No. 197895
Wayne Juvenile Court
LC No. 92-300374

Before: Holbrook, Jr., P.J., and Michael J. Kelly and Gribbs, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Respondent was not denied effective assistance of counsel. Our review of the record indicates that counsel's performance was not deficient, but, even assuming that it did fall below an objective standard of reasonableness in some manner alleged by respondent, the deficiency was not outcome determinative. *People v Pickens*, 446 Mich 298, 314; 521 NW2d 797 (1994); *In re Simon*, 171 Mich App 443, 447; 431 NW2d 71 (1988).

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). Further, respondent failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5).

Affirmed.

/s/ Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.
/s/ Michael J. Kelly
/s/ Roman S. Gribbs