

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of AMBER K. MAIDENS a/k/a
AMBER SMITH, RONNIE D. SMITH and
DUWANE MAIDENS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

KATHLEEN MAIDENS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JOHN MACKEY and RON SMITH,

Respondents.

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No. 231758

Manistee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-000043-NA

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Gage and C. H. Miel*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

After carefully reviewing the record, we are satisfied that the family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not

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

in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
/s/ Hilda R. Gage
/s/ Charles H. Miel