

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of A.L.N, E.J.R.N., R.R.G., and
B.W.B.M, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ROBERT GRODI,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RACHELLE JOY GRODI and DAVID MILLER,

Respondents.

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April 15, 2003

No. 242037

Monroe Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-015697-NA

Before: Jansen, P.J., and Kelly and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed leave granted from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (g), and (j). 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 trial 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 Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). At the time the termination hearing was held, respondent-appellant had been incarcerated for almost six-and-a-half years and his maximum release extended an additional six years. During that time, respondent-appellant had virtually no contact with the children, he did not attempt to establish a relationship with them until ordered to do so, and he did not provide them with emotional or financial support.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the minor children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen
/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood