

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

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In the Matter of SCOTT NICHOLAS SARGENT and  
MALCOM STEMEN, a/k/a SEAN MICHAEL  
SARGENT, a/k/a MALCOLM SARGENT, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

FILLIS SARGENT and DENNIS SARGENT,

Respondents-Appellants.

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Nos. 215737;215961

Allegan Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-007076 NA

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Zahra and Pavlich\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondents appeal as of right from the family court order terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (b)(ii), (c)(i), (c)(ii), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(i), (b)(ii), (c)(i), (c)(ii), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974; *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Moreover, respondents failed to show that termination of their parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Scott L. Pavlich

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