

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of KATLYNN CHEYENNE
BLACKWOOD and NIKITA SUE COLLINS,
Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JOHN BLACKWOOD,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

PENNY COLLINS,

Respondent.

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No. 246374
Branch Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 02-002227-NA

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Meter and Schuette, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Blackwood appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental right to Katlynn pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(ii), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court clearly did not err in finding that at least one statutory ground for termination had been proved by clear and convincing evidence.¹ *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Respondent never secured independent housing and was renting a room from relatives. His employment efforts were sporadic. In addition, he quit attending visits because he was angry with agency workers and thus failed to maintain a relationship with the child. Therefore, the trial court clearly did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights. *Trejo, supra* at 356.

¹ Grounds for termination were clearly established under § 19b(3)(g).

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer
/s/ Patrick M. Meter
/s/ Bill Schuette