

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JAYDEN GONZALEZ, Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANTONIO L. GONZALEZ,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CYNTHIA GONZALEZ,

Respondent.

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October 19, 2006

No. 269511

Kalamazoo Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 04-000363-NA

Before: White, P.J., and Zahra and Kelly, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Antonio Gonzalez appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii), (g) and (j). We affirm.

Although respondent argues that documentary evidence supporting the trial court's findings with respect to §§ 19b(3)(c)(ii) and (g) constituted inadmissible hearsay, respondent did not object to the evidence below and, therefore, this issue is not preserved. *Camden v Kaufman*, 240 Mich App 389, 400 n 2; 613 NW2d 335 (2000). Further, respondent has not cited any authority in support of his contention that the documentary evidence at issue was inadmissible hearsay, thereby abandoning this issue. *Central Cartage Co v Fewless*, 232 Mich App 517, 529; 591 NW2d 422 (1998). In any event, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that § 19b(3)(c)(i) was proven by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Respondent, who had a substance abuse problem, continued to use illegal drugs and did not even seek treatment until just days before the supplemental petition was

filed. Finally, the trial court's findings regarding the child's best interests were not clearly erroneous. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). Therefore, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. *In re Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly