

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

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In the Matter of BRANDON LAMAR BLEVINS,  
Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, f/k/a  
FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

UNPUBLISHED  
June 20, 2006

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

No. 266858  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 03-417517-NA

CRYSTAL HIGDON,

Respondent-Appellant.

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Before: Kelly, P.J., and Markey and Meter, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j). We affirm.

Respondent does not address the above statutory grounds and does not adequately address the best interests issue. Rather, she contends that her parental rights were terminated prematurely. However, respondent cites no authority to support her contention that she should have been allowed more time to regulate her medication. “A party may not leave it to this Court to search for authority to sustain or reject its position.” *Consumers Power Co v Public Service Comm*, 181 Mich App 261, 268; 448 NW2d 806 (1989).

Even if we were to consider respondent’s argument, we would find that it is without merit. Contrary to respondent’s contention, she had months in which her medication could have been regulated. Respondent’s mental health was an issue from the beginning of this case.<sup>1</sup> Respondent initially addressed this issue so that the child was returned to her care. However, testimony revealed that, after the child was returned to her care, respondent started exhibiting

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<sup>1</sup> We note that a petition was initially filed in 2003. Because of respondent’s progress, the court terminated jurisdiction in December 2004. However, in April 2005 another petition was filed, and it is the subject of this appeal.

“bizarre” behavior in January 2005, and this behavior continued over the next few months to the point that, in April 2005, respondent endangered her young child by “yanking” him through traffic and then hitting him. According to Anita Burton, with whom respondent had lived, respondent’s behavior was so “bizarre” during this incident that Burton called adult protective services to get respondent back on her medication.

Burton testified that respondent could no longer care for Brandon. When asked why, Burton responded, “Cause she couldn’t care for herself.” According to Burton, as long as respondent was being monitored, she was fine, but when she failed to take her medication, she was “someone totally different.” However, the trial court could not continue monitoring respondent indefinitely.

Respondent failed to provide proper care and custody for the child. In addition, testimony revealed that the child was physically abused while in respondent’s care. Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent’s parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Patrick M. Meter