

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

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In the Matter of RICHETTE RENEE  
LEVERETTE, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CLAUDETTE MARIA LEVERETTE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RICHARD NAYLOR,

Respondent.

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July 24, 2003

No. 241626

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-338843

Before: Zahra, P.J., and Talbot and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals from the order of the trial court terminating her parental rights to her minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(i). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Respondent-appellant contends that the trial court erred by exercising personal jurisdiction over her when she was not personally served with notice of the permanent custody hearing. Although notice was provided by publication, respondent-appellant argues that reasonable efforts to locate her were not first made before resorting to substituted service. We disagree. Contrary to respondent-appellant's argument, the trial court inquired about the efforts that had been made and directed the FIA to make further attempts to serve her personally with notice; indeed, it was only after these efforts that the court resorted to substituted service. Thus, we find the instant matter distinguishable from *In re Adair*, 191 Mich App 710, 714; 478 NW2d 667 (1991). Therefore, there was no jurisdictional error.

Respondent-appellant does not challenge the trial court's finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence, nor does she challenge the trial court's finding that termination of her parental rights was not contrary to the child's best interests. The trial court, therefore, did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Brian K. Zahra  
/s/ Michael J. Talbot  
/s/ Donald S. Owens