

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of AL-MONI DESHAWN ALLEN,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DEVIN ALLEN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LEARNNARD J. GATSON,

Respondent.

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June 2, 2005

No. 258301

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-403545-NA

Before: Bandstra, P.J., and Fitzgerald and Meter, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Respondent-appellant challenges only the trial court's finding that § 19b(3)(c)(i) was established and does not address the other statutory grounds relied upon by the trial court. Accordingly, respondent has abandoned any challenge to the other statutory grounds by failing to brief the issue. *Yee v Shiawassee Co Bd of Comm'rs*, 251 Mich App 379, 406; 651 NW2d 756 (2002). Only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 360; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Therefore, this Court could simply affirm the trial court's order based on § 19b(3)(a)(ii), (g), and (j).

In any event, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence established that respondent-appellant still had no stable home or income, although it had been over 2 ½ years between the time the initial order of disposition was entered and the termination

hearing. Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant parental rights was clearly not in the best interests of the child. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Respondent-appellant had not seen the child in nearly a year and did not even appear at the termination hearing.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra
/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
/s/ Patrick M. Meter