

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of B.S.P., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MORRIS JEROME PERKINS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DAWN MARIE PROVENCHER,

Respondent.

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August 20, 2002

No. 239589

Saginaw Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-026080-NA

Before: White, P.J., and Neff and Jansen, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from an order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Failure to timely file the petition for termination of parental rights under MCR 5.974(F)(1)(a) does not require dismissal of the case or reversal of the termination order. *In re Kirkwood*, 187 Mich App 542, 545-546; 468 NW2d 280 (1991). See also *In re TC, SC and SP*, ___ Mich App ___; ___ NW2d ___ (Docket No. 236163, issued May 17, 2002), slip op at 2; *In re Jackson*, 199 Mich App 22, 28-29; 501 NW2d 182 (1993); *In re Pardee*, 190 Mich App 243, 252; 475 NW2d 870 (1991).

Affirmed.

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Kathleen Jansen