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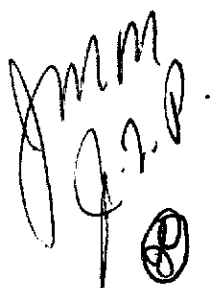
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STATE OF LOUISIANA IN THE INTEREST OF A.K.

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ON APPEAL FROM THE JUVENILE COURT IN AND FOR THE  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DOCKET NUMBER 10,274, DIVISION A

THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN STEWART RICHEY, JUDGE

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BEFORE: PETTIGREW, McDONALD, AND HUGHES, JJ.

**McDONALD, J.**

This is an appeal from a termination of parental rights. A.K., a female, was born on July 28, 2004 to A.J.K. (the mother) and E.R. (the father). At the time of A.K.'s birth, E.R. was in federal prison serving time for violation of his supervised release. A.J.K. was struggling with drug addiction, living in the streets, and sleeping in abandoned cars when she dropped off seven-month-old A.K. at her mother's (M.K.'s) neighbor's home and left her there. The neighbor contacted M.K., the maternal grandmother, to come get the child.

A.K. was placed in the custody of the Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of Community Services on March 4, 2005 by instant order. A.K. was adjudicated a child in need of care on May 25, 2005. A.K. is currently residing with M.K., as she has since she was taken into care at seven months old.

On June 14, 2007, DSS filed a petition for termination of parental rights and certification for adoption. The case went to trial on August 8, 2007. The juvenile court rendered judgment on October 31, 2007, and on January 24, 2008, the juvenile court judge signed the judgment terminating the parental rights of A.J.K. and E.R. to A.K. and certifying A.K. free and eligible for adoption. E.R. is appealing that judgment.

After a thorough review of the record, we find no error in the juvenile court judgment terminating parental rights and certifying A.K. free and eligible for adoption. Therefore, we affirm the juvenile court's judgment in accordance with Uniform Rules –Courts of Appeal, 2-16.2A(2), (5), and (8). In so doing, we adopt the juvenile court's written reasons for judgment, dated October 31, 2007. Costs are assessed against E.R.

**AFFIRMED.**