

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of DA-VONTA QUEN JONES-
CLARK, Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PATRICIA JONES,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

June 12, 2007

No. 275557

Ingham Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-045450-NA

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Sawyer and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that § 19b(3)(g) was proven by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 351; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Although there was evidence that respondent's psychiatric problems may have been resolved by treatment of her previously undiagnosed thyroid condition, the evidence showed that it was not reasonably likely that respondent would be able to provide proper care and custody for the child within a reasonable time. Because respondent did not have custody of the child, the only way she could demonstrate her parental fitness was to comply with court-ordered services. *In re Sours, supra* at 638. Respondent did not regularly attend counseling appointments and, at the time of trial, she still did not have appropriate housing and had not taken parenting classes. The trial court did not err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was warranted under § 19b(3)(g). Because only a single statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights, it is unnecessary to consider whether termination was also warranted under § 19b(3)(i).

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell