

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION I
No. CA 11-911

CIERO BAJOIE

APPELLANT

V.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES and MINOR
CHILD

APPELLEES

Opinion Delivered JANUARY 18, 2012

APPEAL FROM THE PULASKI
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT,
ELEVENTH DIVISION
[NO. JV2011-51]

HONORABLE RANDALL WELCH
MORLEY, JUDGE

AFFIRMED; MOTION GRANTED

JOHN B. ROBBINS, Judge

Appellant Ciero Bajoie appeals from the termination of her parental rights to her daughter C.B., born in May 2009. The Pulaski County Circuit Court entered an order in June 2011 reflecting its decision to terminate her rights, and she filed a timely notice of appeal. Her attorney has filed a no-merit brief and a motion to be relieved as counsel, stating that there is no issue of arguable merit for reversal and that she should be relieved as counsel.

In compliance with *Linker-Flores v. Ark. Dep't of Human Servs.*, 359 Ark. 131, 194 S.W.3d 739 (2004) and Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 6-9(i)(2011), her appellate attorney ordered the entire record and examined it for adverse rulings, explaining why none would support a meritorious argument for reversal. The clerk of our court attempted to provide appellant a copy of her attorney's brief and motion, along with a letter informing her of the right to file pro se points for reversal. The clerk sent these items in a packet by certified mail



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to appellant's last known address, but it was returned by the postal service as unclaimed. Thus, appellant did not file pro se points for reversal. The Department of Human Services and the child's attorney chose not to file a brief.

After carefully examining the record and the brief, we hold that the attorney has complied with the requirements established by the Arkansas Supreme Court for no-merit termination appeals and that the appeal is wholly without merit. Accordingly, by memorandum opinion we affirm the termination of appellant's parental rights to C.B. *See In re Memorandum Opinions*, 16 Ark. App. 301, 700 S.W.2d 63 (1985); Ark. Sup. Ct. R. 5-2(e)(2011). We also grant her attorney's motion to be relieved from representation.

Affirmed; motion granted.

PITTMAN and GLOVER, JJ., agree.

Leah Lanford, Ark. Pub. Defender Comm'n, for appellant.

No response.