

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION II
No. CA11-1219

JOHNI CRAFT

APPELLANT

V.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES

APPELLEE

Opinion Delivered June 27, 2012

APPEAL FROM THE CRAIGHEAD
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
[NO. JV-2009-462]

HONORABLE CINDY THYER,
JUDGE

AFFIRMED; MOTION TO
WITHDRAW GRANTED

JOSEPHINE LINKER HART, Judge

Johni Craft’s parental rights to M.C., born January 6, 2003, were terminated by the Craighead County Circuit Court.¹ Craft’s appellate counsel has filed a motion to withdraw and a no-merit brief pursuant to *Linker-Flores v. Arkansas Department of Human Services*, 359 Ark. 131, 194 S.W.3d 739 (2004), and Ark. Sup. Ct. R. 6-9(i). The brief states that the termination hearing produced only a single adverse evidentiary ruling in addition to the termination decision and explains why no meritorious ground for reversal exists. Our clerk’s office furnished Craft with a copy of her counsel’s brief and motion. Craft responded with a letter expressing her love for M.C. and requesting more time to “prove herself.” We do not doubt the sincerity of Craft’s statements, but we find that they do not raise new legal issues that have to be addressed by her counsel.

¹M.C.’s legal father had previously relinquished his parental rights.



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After examining the record and the brief presented to us, we find that counsel has complied with the requirements established by the Arkansas Supreme Court for no-merit appeals in termination cases and also conclude that the appeal is wholly without merit. Accordingly, we grant counsel's motion to withdraw and affirm the order terminating Craft's parental rights.

Affirmed; motion to withdraw granted.

GLADWIN and MARTIN, JJ., agree.

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No response.