

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION IV

No. CA12-639

CHELSIE HOFFMAN WRONE
APPELLANT

V.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES and MINOR
CHILD
APPELLEES

Opinion Delivered November 28, 2012

APPEAL FROM THE BOONE
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
[NO. JV 2010-115]

HONORABLE GARY ISBELL, JUDGE

AFFIRMED; MOTION TO
WITHDRAW GRANTED

ROBIN F. WYNNE, Judge

Chelsie Hoffman Wrone appeals from the order of the Boone County Circuit Court terminating her parental rights to her child, J.W.¹ Pursuant to *Linker-Flores v. Arkansas Department of Human Services (I)*, 359 Ark. 131, 194 S.W.3d 739 (2004), and Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 6-9(i), Chelsie's counsel has filed a motion to withdraw, accompanied by a brief asserting that there are no issues of arguable merit for appeal, listing all rulings at the termination hearing adverse to Chelsie, and explaining why none of them present a meritorious argument for reversal. Our clerk's office sent a copy of appellant's brief and her counsel's motion to withdraw, along with a letter informing appellant of her right to file pro se points for reversal, to the address for appellant provided by counsel, in accordance with

¹The parental rights of the child's father, Truman Wrone, were also terminated; however, he is not a party to this appeal.

Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Rule 6-9(i)(3). However, the packet sent to appellant was returned by the post office marked “unclaimed.”

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) took J.W. into custody at birth because Chelsie was incarcerated and had admitted to using drugs while pregnant. At the termination hearing, held fifteen months after J.W.’s removal, the circuit court heard evidence that Chelsie had not completed any of the requirements of the case plan, a fact she admitted in her testimony. She failed to complete a drug-treatment program and had not had a negative drug screen during the case. Chelsie had been incarcerated several times during the case and was incarcerated at the time of the termination hearing. There was also evidence that Chelsie was homeless for most of the case, that she had not held a full-time job since J.W.’s removal, that she disappeared from March 15, 2011, until August 15, 2011, and that she had only visited J.W. on twenty-three out of approximately sixty opportunities. There was testimony that J.W. was adoptable.

Based on our examination of the record and counsel’s brief, we conclude that counsel has complied with the requirements of Rule 6-9(i) and hold that the appeal is wholly without merit. The termination order of the circuit court is affirmed, and counsel’s motion to withdraw is granted.

Affirmed; motion to withdraw granted.

PITTMAN and HOOFFMAN, JJ., agree.

Deborah R. Sallings, Arkansas Public Defender Commission, for appellant.