

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION II
No. CV-13-907

DANIEL WHITE

APPELLANT

V.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES and MINOR
CHILD

APPELLEES

Opinion Delivered February 12, 2014

APPEAL FROM THE PULASKI
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT,
EIGHTH DIVISION
[NO. JV-2012-2096]

HONORABLE WILEY A. BRANTON,
JR., JUDGE

AFFIRMED; MOTION TO
WITHDRAW GRANTED

RHONDA K. WOOD, Judge

This is a no-merit appeal from an order terminating Daniel White's parental rights to his child, B.B. White's appellate counsel has filed a brief and motion to withdraw under *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) (2013). White was given an opportunity to file pro se points but has declined to do so. We affirm and grant counsel's motion because there is no meritorious basis for an appeal.

B.B. entered the Department of Human Services's custody in July 2012. White was in and out of prison while B.B. was in foster care and was incarcerated at the time of the termination hearing in June 2013. At the hearing, the court ruled that the Department proved two statutory grounds and that termination was in B.B.'s best interest. Consequently, it terminated White's parental rights to B.B.

Counsel has complied with our requirements for no-merit termination cases. The brief addresses the only adverse ruling—the termination ruling itself—and explains why there is no basis to appeal that decision. After examining the record, we agree that an appeal would be meritless. We therefore affirm by memorandum opinion, *In re Memorandum Opinions*, 16 Ark. App. 301, 700 S.W.2d 63 (1985), and grant the motion to withdraw.

Affirmed; motion to withdraw granted.

GLADWIN, C.J., and BROWN, J., agree.

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No response.