

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA

No. COA18-282

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Chatham County, Nos. 15-JT-47, 48

IN THE MATTER OF: L.V., A.V.

Appeal by Respondent-Mother from orders entered 5 December 2017 by Judge Beverly Scarlett in Chatham County District Court. Heard in the Court of Appeals 21 June 2018.

W. Michael Spivey, for respondent-appellant mother.

Holcomb & Stephenson, LLP, by Deana K. Fleming, for petitioner-appellee Chatham County Department of Social Services.

Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP, by Jessica L. Gorczynski, for guardian ad litem.

MURPHY, Judge.

Respondent appeals from orders terminating her parental rights to the minor children L.V. and A.V. On appeal, Respondent's appellate counsel filed a no-merit brief pursuant to Rule 3.1(d) stating that, after a conscientious and thorough review of the record on appeal, he has concluded that the record contains no issue of merit on which to base an argument for relief.¹ N.C. R. App. P. 3.1(d). Respondent's counsel

¹ In accordance with Rule 3.1(d), appellate counsel provided Respondent with copies of the no-merit brief, trial transcript, and record on appeal and advised her of her right to file a brief with this Court *pro se* on 11 April 2018.

complied with all requirements of Rule 3.1(d), and Respondent did not exercise her right under Rule 3.1(d) to file a *pro se* brief. No issues have been argued or preserved for review in accordance with our Rules of Appellate Procedure.²

DISMISSED.

Judges DIETZ and TYSON concur.

² “Rule 3.1(d) does *not* explicitly grant indigent parents the right to receive an *Anders*-type review of the record by our Court, which would allow our Court to consider issues not explicitly raised on appeal.” *State v. Velasquez-Cardenas*, ___ N.C. App. ___, ___, 815 S.E.2d 9, 20 (2018) (Dillon, J., concurring).