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> SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY APPELLATE DIVISION DOCKET NO. A-3348-16T2 A-3349-16T2

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

S.J.A., and P.B.G.,

Defendants-Appellants.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF S.T.A.G., Z.L.A., L.V.A., A.P.A., L.J.A., J.A., and P.S.A.,

Minors.

Submitted April 10, 2018 - Decided April 18, 2018

Before Judges Fisher and Fasciale.

On appeal from Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Family Part, Gloucester County, Docket No. FG-08-0053-16.

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PER CURIAM

Defendants S.J.A. and P.B.G. are the parents of seven children who were born in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2016. Judge Timothy W. Chell presided over a two-day guardianship trial, after which he found that the evidence warranted termination of both defendants' parental rights to all but the oldest child. Both defendants appeal, arguing the judge erred in finding clear and convincing evidence on any of the four prongs of the applicable statutory test, N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.1; defendant P.B.G. also argues he "should not be penalized for the actions of S.J.A."¹ We find insufficient merit in these arguments, <u>R.</u> 2:11-3(e)(1)(E), and affirm substantially for the reasons set forth by Judge Chell in his thorough and well-reasoned written decision.

Affirmed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

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¹ All the children but two — the two youngest, L.J.A. and J.A. — support defendants' arguments.