

Aggravated Circumstances

1. The child is in the custody of a county agency and either:
 - a. The identity or whereabouts of the parents is unknown and cannot be ascertained and the parent does not claim the child within three months of the date the child was taken into custody; or
 - b. The identity or whereabouts of the parents is known and the parents have failed to maintain substantial and continuing contact with the child for a period of six months.
2. The child or another child of the parent has been the victim of physical abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, sexual violence or aggravated physical neglect by the parent.
3. The parent of the child has been convicted of any of the following offenses where the victim was a child:
 - a. Criminal homicide
 - b. Felony relating to
 - i. aggravated assault
 - ii. rape
 - iii. statutory sexual assault
 - iv. involuntary deviate sexual intercourse
 - v. sexual assault
 - vi. aggravated indecent assault
 - c. Misdemeanor relating to indecent assault
 - d. An equivalent crime in another jurisdiction
4. The attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses set forth above in 3.
5. The parental rights of the parent have been involuntarily terminated with respect to a child of the parent. (42 Pa. C.S.A. § 6302)
6. The parent of the child is required to register as a sexual offender under subchapter H of Chapter 97 (relating to registration of sexual offenders) or to register with a sexual offender registry in another jurisdiction or foreign country.