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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

WEI ZHU,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 04-73515

Agency No. A095-446-787

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted November 17, 2009**

Before: ALARCÓN, TROTT, and TASHIMA, Circuit Judges.

Wei Zhu, a native and citizen of China, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's decision denying his application for asylum and withholding of removal.

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^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

^{**} The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence findings of fact, *Chebchoub v. INS*, 257 F.3d 1038, 1042 (9th Cir. 2001), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's adverse credibility determination because Zhu's asylum application omitted that he was handcuffed to an iron rod, slapped, kicked and beaten on his shoulder during a brief detention, *see Li v*. *Ashcroft*, 378 F.3d 959, 962 (9th Cir. 2004), and Zhu failed to explain these omissions when given the opportunity, *see Kaur v. Gonzales*, 418 F.3d 1061, 1066-67 (9th Cir. 2005). Accordingly, in the absence of credible testimony, Zhu's asylum and withholding of removal claims fail. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.