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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

FERNANDO MARTIN IZQUIERDO-
HERRERA, a.k.a. Fernando Izquierdo,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 07-72730

Agency No. A098-246-360

MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted May 25, 2010**

Before: CANBY, THOMAS, and W. FLETCHER, Circuit Judges.

Fernando Martin Izquierdo-Herrera, native and citizen of Peru, petitions for review of a Board of Immigration Appeals’ (“BIA”) order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge’s decision denying his application for asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review

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

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

for substantial evidence, *Ochoa v. Gonzales*, 406 F.3d 1166, 1169 (9th Cir. 2005), and deny the petition for review.

Izquierdo-Herrera does not raise any arguments in his opening brief regarding the BIA's dispositive determination that his asylum claim was time-barred. *See Martinez-Serrano v. INS*, 94 F.3d 1256, 1259-60 (9th Cir. 1996) (issues not supported by argument are deemed waived). Accordingly, his asylum claim fails.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's finding that Izquierdo-Herrera's altercations with drug dealers and the anonymous threats he received did not establish persecution on account of a protected ground. *See Ochoa*, 406 F.3d at 1171-72 (business owner in Columbia who rejected narco-trafficker demands did not establish persecution on account of imputed political opinion or membership in a particular social group); *see also Parussimova v. Mukasey*, 555 F.3d 734, 740 (9th Cir. 2009) (“[t]he Real ID Act requires that a protected ground represent ‘one central reason’ for an asylum applicant’s persecution”). Accordingly, we deny the petition as to Izquierdo-Herrera's withholding of removal claim.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.