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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</p> <p>Plaintiff - Appellee,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>WILLIAM ALVIN WICK, Jr.,</p> <p>Defendant - Appellant.</p>

No. 10-30108

D.C. No. 1:09-cr-00013-RFC

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Montana
Richard F. Cebull, Chief District Judge, Presiding

Submitted May 24, 2011**

Before: PREGERSON, THOMAS, and PAEZ, Circuit Judges.

William Alvin Wick, Jr., appeals his guilty-plea conviction and the 360-month sentence imposed for aggravated sexual abuse, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1153(a) and 2241(a)(1). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Wick’s counsel has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief,

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

along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Wick has filed a pro se supplemental brief challenging his conviction and sentence.

Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80-81 (1988), discloses no arguable grounds for relief on direct appeal as to the defendant's conviction. We dismiss the appeal of the sentence in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000).

We decline to address Wick's claims of ineffective assistance of counsel on direct appeal as the record is insufficiently developed and his legal representation was not so inadequate that it can be concluded at this point that he obviously was denied his Sixth Amendment right to counsel. *See United States v. McKenna*, 327 F.3d 830, 845 (9th Cir. 2003) ("Claims of ineffective assistance of counsel are generally inappropriate on direct appeal.").

Counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**.

The conviction is **AFFIRMED**, and the appeal of the sentence is **DISMISSED**.