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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JAVIER MENDOZA CUEVAS,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 09-10009

D.C. No. 2:07-CR-01178-SRB

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona
Susan R. Bolton, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted June 15, 2011**

Before: CANBY, O'SCANNLAIN, and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Javier Mendoza Cuevas appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 144-month sentence imposed for conspiracy to cultivate more than 1000 marijuana plants, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vii), and (b)(5).

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Mendoza Cuevas's counsel

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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).

has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided the appellant with the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

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. We dismiss in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000).

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

DISMISSED.