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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

HILARIO MATEO PEDRO ANTONIO SANCHEZ, AKA Gustavo Sanchez-Lopez, AKA Sayas,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 10-50532

D.C. No. 2:10-cr-00145-DDP-1

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California Dean D. Pregerson, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 19, 2011**

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE and McKEOWN, Circuit Judges.

Hilario Sanchez appeals his conviction by guilty plea and sentence for conspiracy to harbor and conceal illegal aliens in violation of 8 U.S.C. §

^{*} 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).

1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Sanchez's counsel has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided Sanchez 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.