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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff - Appellee,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>VIRGIL EDWARD GRANT, III,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant - Appellant.</p>
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No. 10-50181

D.C. No. 2:08-cr-00600-SVW

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
Stephen V. Wilson, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 19, 2011**

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE, and McKEOWN, Circuit Judges.

Virgil Edward Grant, III, appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 72-month sentence for conspiracy to distribute 100 or more kilograms of marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 846. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Grant’s counsel has filed a brief stating there are

* 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).

no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided appellant 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.

Accordingly, counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and the district court's judgment is **AFFIRMED**.