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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

ANTHONY HOWARD RANSOM, a.k.a.
Anthony Paul King, a.k.a. Tony,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 11-10031

No. 11-10032

D.C. No. 1:10-cr-00539-JMS

D.C. No. 1:10-cr-00102-JMS

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Hawaii
J. Michael Seabright, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted January 17, 2012**

Before: LEAVY, TALLMAN, and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

In these consolidated appeals, Anthony Howard Ransom appeals from his guilty-plea convictions and 144-month sentence for structuring financial transactions, in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5324(a)(3), and attempted distribution of one kilogram or more of heroin, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 846,

* 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).

and 18 U.S.C. § 2. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Ransom's counsel has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided Ransom with the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental 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 as to the defendant's convictions. 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).

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

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