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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

CLEMENTE MALDONADO-JULIAN,
a.k.a. Adolfo Bernabe, a.k.a. Marcial
Clemente,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 11-50064

D.C. No. 2:10-cr-01158-VBF

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
Valerie Baker Fairbank, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 21, 2012**

Before: FERNANDEZ, McKEOWN, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

Clemente Maldonado-Julian appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 30-month sentence for being an illegal alien found in the United States following

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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).

deportation, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326.

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Maldonado-Julian'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 the appellant the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Maldonado-Julian waived his right to appeal his conviction, with the exception of an appeal based on a claim that his plea was involuntary. He also waived the right to appeal his sentence, with the exception of the court's calculation of his criminal history category. 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 Maldonado-Julian's plea or the criminal history category calculated by the court. We therefore affirm as to those issues. We dismiss the remainder of the appeal 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**.

AFFIRMED in part; **DISMISSED** in part.