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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

PEDRO MONTERO-LUJANO,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 11-30253

D.C. No. 3:09-cr-05875-RJB

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Washington
Robert J. Bryan, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted June 26, 2012**

Before: SCHROEDER, HAWKINS, and GOULD, Circuit Judges.

Pedro Montero-Lujano appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 120-month sentence for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), and 846. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386

* 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).

U.S. 738 (1967), Montero-Lujano'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.

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 Montero-Lujano's conviction. Montero-Lunano waived his right to appeal his sentence. We accordingly 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 conviction is **AFFIRMED**, and the appeal of the sentence is **DISMISSED**.