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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

IVAN VERDUSCO-COTA,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 11-10302

D.C. No. 4:09-cr-01996-DCB

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona
W. Fremming Nielsen, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted July 17, 2012**

Before: SCHROEDER, THOMAS, and SILVERMAN, Circuit Judges.

Ivan Verdusco-Cota appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 60-month sentence for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(i), and 846; and possession with intent to

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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).

distribute heroin, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(i). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Verduco-Cota'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 Verduco-Cota 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.

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

AFFIRMED.