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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

ABRAHAM ALVAREZ, a.k.a. Abraham Alvarez-Renteria, a.k.a. Moises Alvarez-Renteria,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 11-10671

D.C. No. 2:11-cr-01911-PGR

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Arizona Charles B. Kornmann, District Judge, Presiding**

Submitted September 10, 2012***

Before: WARDLAW, CLIFTON, and N.R. SMITH, Circuit Judges.

Abraham Alvarez appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 27-month

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

^{**} The Honorable Charles B. Kornmann, Senior United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, sitting by designation.

^{***} The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

sentence for reentry of a removed alien, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Alvarez'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 Alvarez 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 (1988), discloses no arguable grounds for relief on direct appeal. We dismiss 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**.

DISMISSED.

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