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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

RICARDO SANTACRUZ-BECERILL,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 11-10522

D.C. No. 2:09-cr-00466-PMP

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Nevada  
Philip M. Pro, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 19, 2012\*\*

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE, and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Ricardo Santacruz-Becerill appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 151-month sentence for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),

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\* 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).

841(b)(1)(A)(viii) and 846. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Santacruz-Becerill's counsel has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Santacruz-Becerill has filed a pro se supplemental brief, and the government has filed an answering brief.

Santacruz-Becerill has waived his right to appeal his conviction and sentence. Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80 (1988), discloses no arguable issue as to the validity of the waiver. *See United States v. Watson*, 582 F.3d 974, 986-88 (9th Cir. 2009). We accordingly dismiss the appeal. *See id.* at 988.

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

**DISMISSED.**