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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

MAURICIO ALBERTO VAQUEDANO-SANCHEZ, a.k.a. Mauricio Sanchez Vaquedano,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 11-72734

Agency No. A095-657-515

MEMORANDUM\*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted June 25, 2014\*\*

Before: HAWKINS, TALLMAN, and NGUYEN, Circuit Judges.

Mauricio Alberto Vaquedano-Sanchez, a native and citizen of Honduras, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals’ (“BIA”) order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge’s decision denying his

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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).

application for asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence the agency's factual findings, *Wakkary v. Holder*, 558 F.3d 1049, 1056 (9th Cir. 2009), and we deny the petition for review.

Vaquedano-Sanchez claims past persecution and a fear of future persecution by gang members in Honduras. Substantial evidence supports the BIA's determination that Vaquedano-Sanchez failed to establish past mistreatment or a fear of future mistreatment on account of a protected ground. *See Gormley v. Ashcroft*, 364 F.3d 1172, 1177 (9th Cir. 2004) (random criminal acts bore no nexus to a protected ground); *Pagayon v. Holder*, 675 F.3d 1182, 1191 (9th Cir. 2011) (per curiam) (personal disputes not grounds for asylum unless connected to a protected ground) (citation omitted). Accordingly, Vaquedano-Sanchez's asylum claim fails.

Because Vaquedano-Sanchez failed to establish eligibility for asylum, his withholding of removal claim necessarily fails. *See Zehatye v. Gonzales*, 453 F.3d 1182, 1190 (9th Cir. 2006).

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.**