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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

V.

JOSUE ISMAEL RUIZ-SANCHEZ,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 13-10437

D.C. No. 4:13-cr-00473-CKJ

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Arizona Cindy K. Jorgenson, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 9, 2014**

Before: WALLACE, LEAVY, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

Josue Ismael Ruiz-Sanchez appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his jury-trial conviction and 24-month sentence for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(D). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Ruiz-Sanchez's counsel has

^{*} 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).

filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided Ruiz-Sanchez 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.

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

AFFIRMED.

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