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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

LE XIANG CHEN,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 14-10558

D.C. No. 1:14-cr-00008-RVM

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands
Ramona V. Manglona, Chief Judge, Presiding

Submitted January 20, 2016**

Before: CANBY, TASHIMA, and NGUYEN, Circuit Judges.

Le Xiang Chen appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges the 46-month sentence imposed following his guilty-plea conviction for distribution of methamphetamine near a school, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), and 860. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Chen's counsel

* 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).

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