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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

ISRAEL LUPERCIO-MENDOZA, a.k.a.
Israel Mendoza-Lupercio,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 15-10169

D.C. No. 2:15-cr-00052-SPL

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona
Steven P. Logan, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted May 24, 2016**

Before: REINHARDT, W. FLETCHER, and OWENS, Circuit Judges.

Israel Lupercio-Mendoza appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 63-month sentence for reentry of a removed alien, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*,

* 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).

386 U.S. 738 (1967), Lupercio-Mendoza's counsel has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Lupercio-Mendoza has filed a pro se supplemental brief. No answering brief has been filed.

Lupercio-Mendoza 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.