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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JOSE INES MEDINA PONCE,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 15-10254

D.C. No. 5:13-cr-00347-LHK

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of California
Lucy H. Koh, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted May 24, 2016**

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

Jose Ines Medina Ponce appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 50-month sentence for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Medina Ponce's

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** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

counsel 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 Medina Ponce the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Medina Ponce 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.