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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

SANTIAGO LOPEZ-CHAVEZ, a.k.a.
Santiago Lopez Chavez,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 17-10315

D.C. No. 4:16-cr-01984-JGZ

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona
Jennifer G. Zips, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 13, 2018**

Before: LEAVY, M. SMITH, and CHRISTEN, Circuit Judges.

Santiago Lopez-Chavez appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 24-month sentence for reentry of a removed alien, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Lopez-Chavez's counsel has filed a brief stating that there

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

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

are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided Lopez-Chavez 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.