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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.

TEOFILO BASOCO VEGA, a.k.a. Teofilo
Vega Basoco, a.k.a. Teofilo Basoco-Vega,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 17-10332

D.C. No. 2:17-cr-00660-GMS

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona
G. Murray Snow, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 13, 2018**

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

Teofilo Basoco Vega appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and ten-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), Vega's counsel has filed a brief stating that there are no

* 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).

grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Vega has filed a letter, which we treat as a pro se supplemental brief. No answering brief has been filed.

Vega 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.

We decline to address on direct appeal Vega's pro se claim of ineffective assistance of counsel. *See United States v. Rahman*, 642 F.3d 1257, 1259-60 (9th Cir. 2011).

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

DISMISSED.