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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 18-10167

Plaintiff-Appellee,

D.C. No. 2:17-cr-01418-JJT

v.

MEMORANDUM*

RONY GONZALEZ, a.k.a. Ronni Aguilar-Lopez,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona
John J. Tuchi, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted January 15, 2019**

Before: TROTT, TALLMAN, and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

Rony Gonzalez appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 30-month sentence for transportation of illegal aliens for profit, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Gonzalez's counsel has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds

* 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).

for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided Gonzalez the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Gonzalez 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.