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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

LORENZO BELL,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 19-30125

D.C. No. 2:18-cr-00261-JCC-1

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Washington
John C. Coughenour, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 4, 2020**

Before: FERNANDEZ, SILVERMAN, and TALLMAN, Circuit Judges.

Lorenzo Bell appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 36-month sentence for possession of cocaine base with intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Bell's counsel has filed a brief stating

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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).

that there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Bell has filed a pro se supplemental brief. No answering brief has been filed.

Bell 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**. Bell's pro se motion to appoint counsel is **DENIED**.

DISMISSED.