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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

HOWARD COCHRAN,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

ANDREAS THUDE,

Defendant-Appellee.

No. 20-15032

D.C. No. 2:18-cv-00690-MTL

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona

Michael T. Liburdi, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 2, 2020**

Before: WALLACE, CLIFTON, and BRESS, Circuit Judges.

Arizona state prisoner Howard Cochran appeals pro se from the district court's summary judgment in his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review de novo. *Toguchi v. Chung*, 391 F.3d 1051, 1056 (9th Cir.

* 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).

2004). We affirm.

The district court properly granted summary judgment because Cochran failed to raise a genuine dispute of material fact as to whether defendant Thude was deliberately indifferent to Cochran's wrist pain. *See id.* at 1057-60 (a prison official is deliberately indifferent only if he or she knows of and disregards an excessive risk to inmate health; medical malpractice, negligence, or a difference of opinion concerning the course of treatment does not amount to deliberate indifference).

AFFIRMED.