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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

TELZY L. DENNIS, an individual,

No. 23-55360

Plaintiff-Appellant,

D.C. No. 2:22-cv-04515-SB-PD

v.

MEMORANDUM*

NIKE, INC., an Oregon corporation,

Defendant-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
Stanley Blumenfeld, Jr., District Judge, Presiding

Submitted July 16, 2024**

Before: SCHROEDER, VANDYKE, and KOH, Circuit Judges.

Telzy L. Dennis appeals pro se from the district court's judgment dismissing his action alleging copyright infringement and related claims. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We affirm.

In his opening brief, Dennis fails to address the district court's grounds for

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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).

dismissal and has therefore waived his challenge to the district court's order. *See Indep. Towers of Wash. v. Washington*, 350 F.3d 925, 929 (9th Cir. 2003) (“[W]e review only issues which are argued specifically and distinctly in a party’s opening brief.” (citation and internal quotation marks omitted)); *Acosta-Huerta v. Estelle*, 7 F.3d 139, 144 (9th Cir. 1993) (issues not supported by argument in pro se appellant’s opening brief are waived).

Contrary to Dennis’s contention, dismissal by the district judge, as opposed to a jury, was not improper.

AFFIRMED.