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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 16-10223

Plaintiff-Appellee,

D.C. No. 4:15-cr-02045-RM

v.

MEMORANDUM*

JAIME MORENO-CHICUELLAR,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Arizona Rosemary Marquez, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted January 18, 2017**

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

Jaime Moreno-Chicuellar appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 18-month concurrent sentences for six counts of transportation of illegal aliens for profit, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (a)(1)(B)(i). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S.

^{*} 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).

738 (1967), Moreno-Chicuellar's counsel has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided Moreno-Chicuellar the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief.

No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80 (1988), discloses no arguable grounds for relief on direct appeal.

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

AFFIRMED.

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