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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

V.

JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-HIDALGO,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 16-10357

D.C. No. 2:15-cr-01061-SRB

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Arizona Susan R. Bolton, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted July 11, 2017**

Before: CANBY, KOZINSKI, and HAWKINS, Circuit Judges.

Juan Carlos Fuentes-Hidalgo appeals from the district court's judgment and

challenges his guilty-plea conviction and 72-month sentence for possession with

intent to distribute methamphetamine, and aiding and abetting, in violation of 21

U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), and 18 U.S.C. § 2. Pursuant to Anders v. California,

* 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).

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MOLLY C. DWYER, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Fuentes-Hidalgo'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 Fuentes-Hidalgo the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Fuentes-Hidalgo 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.