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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

STEPHEN RHODES,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 09-50577

D.C. No. 2:00-cr-01221-MMM

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California Margaret M. Morrow, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 12, 2013**

Before: PREGERSON, REINHARDT, and W. FLETCHER, Circuit Judges.

Stephen Rhodes appeals from the district court's order denying his 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) motion for reduction of sentence. Pursuant to *Anders v*. *California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Rhodes's counsel has filed a brief stating that

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

^{**} The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided Rhodes 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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