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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

PHUONG H. NGUYEN, AKA LJ,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 16-30128

D.C. No.
2:15-cr-00120-JCC-15

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Washington
John C. Coughenour, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 8, 2017**
Seattle, Washington

Before: HAWKINS, McKEOWN, and CHRISTEN, Circuit Judges.

Phuong Nguyen appeals his guilty-plea conviction and 144-month sentence imposed for conspiracy to distribute controlled substances in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841 (b)(1)(C) and felon in possession of a firearm in violation of 18

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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).

U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for Nguyen has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. No pro se or government brief has been filed.

Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 83-84 (1988), discloses no grounds for relief on direct appeal. Accordingly, we affirm the district court's judgment.

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

AFFIRMED.