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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 18-35032

Plaintiff-Appellee,

D.C. Nos. 3:17-cv-00038-SLG

3:00-cr-00104-SLG

v.

WILLIAM EDWARD PIERS,

MEMORANDUM*

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Alaska

Sharon L. Gleason, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted November 27, 2018**

Before: CANBY, TASHIMA, and FRIEDLAND, Circuit Judges.

William Edward Piers appeals from the district court's judgment denying his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion to vacate. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2253, and we affirm.

* 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).

Piers contends that his armed bank robbery conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a), (d) does not qualify as a predicate crime of violence under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c). This argument is foreclosed. *See United States v. Watson*, 881 F.3d 782 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 139 S. Ct. 203 (2018).

AFFIRMED.