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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

RAMON ALFREDO GARCIA-CORDOVA,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 06-50520

D.C. No. CR-04-02073-JAH

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of California
John A. Houston, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted April 22, 2008**

Before: GRABER, FISHER, and BERZON, Circuit Judges.

Ramon Alfredo Garcia-Cordova appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 70-month sentence for conspiracy to distribute marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C.

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

** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

§§ 841(a)(1) and 846. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Garcia-Cordova's counsel has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided the appellant the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

We have conducted an independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80-81 (1988). We dismiss the appeal in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000).

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

DISMISSED.