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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION SEVEN

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER
LOPEZ,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Los Angeles County
Super. Ct. No. PA087250)

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of
Los Angeles County, Hayden A. Zacky, Judge. Affirmed.

Tracy L. Emblem, under appointment by the Court of
Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

No appearance for Plaintiff and Respondent.

Christopher Alexander Lopez appeals from the judgment after a jury convicted him of possession of methamphetamine for sale. We affirm.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 29, 2015 undercover police officers saw Lopez sitting in his car in a drugstore parking lot. A man on a bicycle approached Lopez and handed him a cigarette box. Lopez opened the box, removed a cigarette, and returned the box. The man gave Lopez some cash, and Lopez placed an item in the man's hand. The man then rode away, and Lopez drove off.

Officers detained Lopez and searched his car. They found a clear plastic bag containing nearly seven grams of methamphetamine, \$93 in cash, and a cell phone with a locked screen displaying the term "El Jefe" or "boss" in Spanish.

Following his arrest, an officer advised Lopez of his rights to remain silent, to an attorney, and, if indigent, to appointed counsel. (See *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966) 384 U.S. 436 [86 S.Ct. 1602, 16 L.Ed.2d 694].) After waiving these rights, Lopez denied selling drugs to the man on the bicycle. Lopez explained the man, Jeff Greenfield, threw a bag of methamphetamine into Lopez's car after handing him \$93 to repay a loan. The officers were unable to locate Greenfield.

Lopez testified he panicked when he saw the bag of methamphetamine fall into his car. He put the drugs into the pocket of his shorts as he drove away. Lopez decided not to throw the drugs away immediately because he feared children would find it.

The People charged Lopez with one count of possessing methamphetamine for sale in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11378, and the jury convicted him. The trial court suspended imposition of sentence and placed Lopez on formal probation with various terms and conditions, including that he serve 180 days in county jail. Lopez filed a timely notice of appeal.

DISCUSSION

We appointed counsel to represent Lopez on appeal. After reviewing the record, counsel filed an opening brief raising no issues. On December 7, 2017 we gave Lopez notice that he had 30 days to submit a brief or letter raising any grounds of appeal, contentions, or arguments he wanted us to consider. We have not received a response.

We have examined the record and are satisfied that appellate counsel for Lopez has complied with her responsibilities and there are no arguable issues. (*See Smith v. Robbins* (2000) 528 U.S. 259, 277-284 [120 S.Ct. 746, 145 L.Ed.2d 756]; *People v. Kelly* (2006) 40 Cal.4th 106, 118-119; *People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436, 441-442.)

DISPOSITION

The judgment is affirmed.

SEGAL, J.

We concur:

PERLUSS, P. J.

FEUER, J.*

*Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, assigned by the Chief Justice pursuant to article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution.