

On July 5, 2024, Deputies with the Marin County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to contact the reporting party/victim regarding a suspicious circumstance that had just occurred in unincorporated Novato on Indian Springs Road. The victim reported, an ex-boyfriend (suspect) had just come to her house with what appeared to be a semi-automatic handgun. The suspect, pushed past the victim entering the residence. The suspect then began searching the interior of the home, leading with the firearm, looking for another male. After the suspect left the home, the victim called 911.

Investigation into the suspect led to identifying him as 38-year-old Petaluma resident, Justin Kiesselbach, who is a convicted felon.

Detectives of the Marin County Sheriff's Office authored a search warrant to search Kiesselbach, his vehicle, and his residence.

Prior to the service of the warrant, Kiesselbach was involved in a short vehicle pursuit with the Petaluma Police Department as they were actively trying to detain him in relation to this investigation. Kiesselbach eventually surrendered and a loaded unregistered firearm was located in his vehicle, underneath the driver's seat and within arm's reach.

The search warrant was then performed at Kiesselbach's home and an additional unregistered firearm was discovered and collected.

Kiesselbach was later arrested and booked for the following charges:

417PC – Brandishing a firearm in a threatening manner

459PC – Burglary

29800(a)PC – Felon in possession of a firearm

30305PC – Felon in possession of ammunition

Special thanks to our partners, Petaluma Police Department for the assist and professionalism.