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Gov. Shumlin issued the following statement following today's incident in Barre Town:

"I want to thank local and state law enforcement, including the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Vermont State Police, for moving quickly and efficiently to secure Henry Premont. Their fast action ensured public safety. Police were able to locate Mr. Premont, remove his weapon and guarantee he was no longer a threat.

This has been a difficult time for all Vermonters, but perhaps most for those who live and work in the Central Vermont area where this terrible violence has occurred. I know that today's incident may add to that feeling of uncertainty, but I am thankful that this situation ended swiftly and without injury.

We are remaining vigilant in terms of security measures in our state buildings and facilities, and coordinating closely with state and local law enforcement. State employees may continue to notice an increased security presence, and we continue to conduct a full review of security procedures. Schools and other facilities are also reviewing their security systems, recognizing that the violence we thought could not impact our close-knit communities can hit tragically close to home."

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