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DANNEMORA, NY – New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin today urged residents of their states to remain vigilant as the manhunt continues for two escapees from the Clinton Community Correctional Facility in Dannemora. Gov. Cuomo contacted Gov. Shumlin late this morning with new information suggesting the escapees initially planned to flee into Vermont after the jailbreak, although there is no evidence that the two have followed through on that plan.

“We have no indication that the individuals are in Vermont, but given this new information we are taking all necessary steps to ensure the safety of Vermonters,” said Gov. Shumlin at a press conference at the Dannemora prison. “Everyone should be vigilant, and report suspicious activity to law enforcement.”

Govs. Shumlin and Cuomo advised residents not to approach anyone resembling the escapees, who are considered dangerous.

Vermont and New York State Police have been working cooperatively on the search since the escape Saturday of convicted killers Richard Matt and David Sweat.

Vermont Public Safety Commissioner Keith Flynn said patrols have been increased and up to 100 troopers are available for action if needed. Fliers featuring photos of the two men will be distributed in key areas, and patrols are checking seasonal camps for suspicious activity. In addition, he said, a State Police Tactical Team is ready to respond anywhere in the state based upon mission needs, and VSP Marine Patrol units are deployed on Lake Champlain out of the St Albans, Williston, and New Haven barracks. Vermont State Police can also tap the resources of the Vermont National Guard when the need arises, Flynn said.