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In an interview with one of Heemeyer's friends at the Grand Lake snowmobile dealer 16 years after the event, Gleason asked how long it took for Marvin's rampage to cease being a daily concern in Granby.

"We're talking about it right now, aren't we? It is still on our minds, every day."



The MACHINE comes to a stop at Farrell's Hardware store. Later, after it was extracted.



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MACHINE

Marvin Heemeyer vs. Granby, Colorado

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LOGLINE: A muffler shop owner, enraged by government in a small mountain town, armors a bulldozer with steel and concrete and initiates a chilling rampage to exact vengeance on his oppressors. Based on a true story.



IT'S LIKE: Falling Down meets Billy Jack, and Tread

SETTING: Granby, Colorado, a small mountain town in 2004

DOMESTIC TERRORIST, OR VIGILANTE HERO?

STORYLINE: A real estate dispute escalates to a chilling, deadly pitch in this emotional feature film drama. Muffler shop owner and snowmobiler Marvin Heemeyer purchases a plot of land in Granby, Colo., to relocate his muffler shop in a mountain town where he can pursue his hobby. At auction, he outbids Cody Docheff, a businessman on a neighboring property who wants that lot. Conflict arises when Heemeyer is told he needs an easement from his snubbed neighbor to connect a sewer line. That ain't happening.

Marv purchases a home in Grand Lake, becomes the leader of a snowmobile club, and develops a serious romantic relationship. One day, the "Thursday Crew" is trapped in an avalanche. Marv saves one of the riders, becoming a Grand Lake legend. He uses his exceptional welding expertise to assist townspeople in Granby – even a few of the City Council members. But he refuses to pay for the sewer connection.

The town ignores Heemeyer's violation... until it doesn't. When Granby tries to enforce its sewer requirements, Heemeyer battles the town fathers at public meetings. He rants and makes outlandish assertions, as well as some reasonable arguments.

At his breaking point, Marv purchases a Komatsu bulldozer at a California auction, sells his home and ends his romantic dalliance. The city issues an ultimatum. Marv refuses to sell the property to Docheff, instead sequestering himself in his workshop for 18 months. He laboriously armors the bulldozer with eight inches of steel and cement.

On June 4, 2004, Heemeyer crashes the tank-like dozer through his workshop wall and rampages through Granby. He fires bullets through portals in the armor, taking out power transformers, barely missing civilians, police and SWAT team personnel. Media swarm to cover the scene. After causing millions in damage, Heemeyer's machine collapses into a basement – stuck. A lone gunshot ends his life. Granby must deal with the aftermath.

Friends disperse Heemeyer's ashes over the snow-covered mountains he loved.