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*MSNBC's reporter going through belongings in the townhouse of the suspected San Bernardino shooters.*

MSNBC showed a close-up image of Rafia Farook's driver's license on live TV today.

Farook is the mother of Syed Farook, or of the accused shooters in the San Bernardino shooting this week.

[after his landlord let media in](#). The MSNBC reporter went through the rooms, looking through a calendar, a stack of photos of unidentified people, and so on, with the camera showing close-ups

some. At one point MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell in the studio cautions to not show pictures of the children.

Ironically, on MSNBC later, the commentator said law enforcement wanted to be "slow and correct rather than fast and wrong."

Over at CNN, Wolf Blitzer discussed the media going through the townhouse.

"Never have I seen something like this," CNN legal analyst Paul Callan said on air about the media being allowed such access to the townhouse, going through belongings, especially when it doesn't appear fingerprinting was done yet.

"Turned a crime scene in a terrorist mass murder into a garage sale," he added.

"I've certainly never seen anything like this," CNN's Wolf Blitzer commented.

For its part, CNN **told** Mashable:

"CNN, like many other news organizations, was granted access to the home by the landlord. We made a conscious editorial decision not to show close-up footage of any material that could be considered sensitive or identifiable, such as photos or ID cards."

NBC News spokesperson Erika Masonhall tweeted:



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As [@mitchellreports](#) said on [@MSNBC](#): the apt owner permitted the press tour, the FBI has already cleared out useful evidence

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*The Huffington Post* **noted**: "Multiple television networks, including MSNBC, CNN and CBS, aired footage Friday from inside the home of San Bernardino shooting suspects Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik."

Mashable added: "News outlets, including MSNBC, BBC, CBS News and CNN, broadcast live scene as reporters toting cameras and microphones pushed through the open door and reported from inside the apartment."

Below, see some tweets about the media coverage inside the townhouse.



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MSNBC now cut from the live shot, maybe deciding not such a great idea to show unknown people's pics, driver's license[!] on live TV

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iMediaEthics has written to MSNBC to ask if it will apologize, blur or remove the driver's license, in particular, from its coverage.

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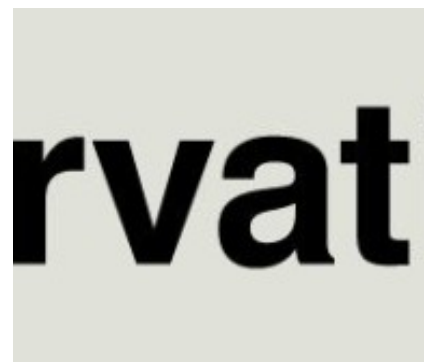


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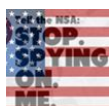
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