In a display that raised questions about journalistic integrity, cable news outlets made live broadcasts of their reporters entering the apartment of the San Bernardino shooters and, in some cases, rifling through their belongings.

A flock of journalists armed with broadcast cameras entered the Redlands, California apartment where Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik lived on Friday,
after a reporter unfastened a piece of plywood blocking the door that had been placed there by the FBI. He said that he had permission from the landlord.

News outlets like MSNBC, CNN, BBC and CBS news broadcast live scenes as their crews poured into the apartment. Reporters rummaged through the items of the now-dead suspects, including family photos, children’s toys and personal documents.
One MSNBC reporter even went as far as to show the detailed image of an ID card belonging to Farook’s mother, on live television.

“*These are photographs here the family has,*” MSNBC reported Kerry Sanders said, rifling through a stack of family photos.

While the San Bernardino Police Department had initially said that the apartment was still an active crime scene, it was later revealed that the investigation was turned over to the FBI, who had cleared the apartment of evidence.

“We executed a search warrant on that apartment, and last night we turned that over back to the [landlord],” said David Bowdich, assistant director at the FBI field office in Los Angeles. “*Once we turn that location back over to the occupants of that residence or once we board it up, anyone who goes in at that point, that’s got nothing to do with us.*”

Reporters were later removed from the apartment, though the circumstances
The apartment’s landlord was originally reported to have let media inside, but claims to have been “rushed” by journalists.
Landlord says he didn't allow media into San Bernardino shooters' apartment: 'they rushed'

CNN reporters said that the landlord was escorted away from the premises by law enforcement and put into a car.

The coverage of the suspects’ apartment caused widespread outrage on Twitter, with some users questioning the journalistic ethics of showing photographs and personal information of people associated with terrorists.

MSNBC yesterday: Stop implicating all Muslims in terrorism!

MSNBC today: Here are some pictures of Muslims we found in a terrorist's house.
for the folks who are being shown, in conjunction w/ terrorists, on national tv?
12:31 PM - 4 Dec 2015
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RT's Tabetha Wallace also questioned the legality of the mainstream media's actions.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the legal teams at #CNN and #MSNBC.
4:41 PM - 4 Dec 2015
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More than one user drew comparison between the sensational behavior of the media and ‘Nightcrawler,’ a movie about a sociopathic and exploitative broadcast journalist starring Jake Gyllenhaal.
EXCLUSIVE: Photo of guy who let the entire media into active crime scene inside the terrorist's apartment.
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MSNBC later apologized for showing identifying information and photographs on air.

"MSNBC and other news organizations were invited into the home by the landlord after law enforcement officials had finished examining the site and returned control to the landlord. Although MSNBC was not the first crew to enter the home, we did have the first live shots from inside. We regret that we briefly showed images of photographs and identification cards that should not have been aired without review," a statement from a network spokesperson read.

Full apology from @MSNBC on showing identifying info on air:
3:27 PM - 4 Dec 2015
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