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Watch: Landlord invites reporters into California shooters' home

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It easily was one of the more bizarre scenes we've seen surrounding a crime scene, and it all played out on live TV on Friday.

After the landlord of Tashfeen Malik, 27, and her husband, Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, pried the door open on their home, which had been sealed with plywood, reporters rushed in and started rummaging through the home.

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Just hours earlier, [government officials said Malik had pledged allegiance to ISIS](#) on Wednesday, the same day as the shooting.

Here's what it looked like as the madness began:



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"This is kinda bizarre, this whole thing," CNN's Anderson Cooper said.

Even as the events were **unfolding live on CNN** and other networks, it was unclear as to whether or not the FBI had officially released the crime scene.

"I'm having chills down my spine, what I'm seeing here," Harry Houck, CNN's law enforcement analyst said. "This apartment clearly is full of evidence."

He also noted that he didn't see any evidence that the home had been fingerprinted to help identify any other potential suspects tied to Malik and Farook.

"Now you have thousands of fingerprints all over, inside this crime scene," Houck said.

During his daily press briefing, White House Press Secretary seemed flabbergasted, telling reporters that he was watching it unfold just as they were.

Government sources: California shooter pledged allegiance to ISIS

During the chaotic scene, reporters could be seen rummaging through personal belongings in the home. They also photographed drivers' licenses, social security cards and also described seeing shredded documents inside the residence.

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A child could also be seen wandering through the apartment.

An FBI spokesperson for the Los Angeles office **told Mashable** that they did "not believe" the FBI was allowing the public to gain access to the apartment but was going to check.

"My understanding is it is still an ongoing investigation," the spokesperson said.

Political Greg Sargent reported that a spokesperson said the scene was released yesterday.

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"Our search is over. We released the scene yesterday."

-- Spokesperson for FBI LA, to me, moments ago. Take it for what it's worth.

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I asked whether FBI had specifically okayed reporters entering, and was told more info forthcoming.

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The FBI told CNN's Dylan Byers that a press conference would be held later on Friday.



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FBI Spokesperson Lourdes Arocho: "The search is over at that location. We are going to have a press conference at 11 o'clock."

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However, the San Bernardino's Sheriff's spokesperson denied the crime scene was cleared.



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Cops: Texas woman had sex with teenage nephew 'hundreds of times'

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Police say a Pasadena, Texas, woman sexually abused her then-teenage nephew over the course of three years, having sex with him "hundreds of times" from 2007 to 2009 after his uncle took him in to get him out of a "bad situation in South Carolina."

Houston's KHOU reports that Peggy Phillips, now 43, engaged in the acts with her nephew when he was 15 and 16 years old.

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From **KHOU**:

Court documents state the first incident occurred when the woman sexually assaulted the teen while he was in the hospital. Police say the relationship continued after the boy moved in with his aunt and uncle in Pasadena from South Carolina. Court documents state the boy had sex with the woman "hundreds of times after that inside the house."

The Houston Chronicle reports the nephew, now 22, first contacted authorities about the incidents in July.

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The nephew reportedly told police that his aunt was "very flirtatious," and after his aunt and uncle got divorced he continued having sex with her.

She also allegedly sent inappropriate texts and photos to the teen and is now being held on \$30,000 bond.

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Device that plugs gunshot wounds in 15 seconds approved by FDA

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A syringe filled with tablet-sized sponges used to clog up gunshot wounds where tourniquets cannot be used has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use by first responders among the general population.

The Xstat Rapid Hemostasis System, originally designed for military use and approved for use on the battlefield last year, looks to address the challenge of stopping bleeding in areas like the groin or armpit, using the tiny sponges to dress wounds and stop hemorrhaging in as little as 15-20 seconds.



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"When a product is developed for use in the battlefield, it is generally intended to work in a worst-case scenario where advanced care might not be immediately available," William Maisel, M.D., M.P.H., acting director of the Office of Device Evaluation in the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, said in a [press release](#). "It is exciting to see this technology transition to help civilian first responders control some severe, life-threatening bleeding while on the trauma scene."

Stopping bleeding in gaping gunshot wounds is a top priority for first responders but can also be a huge challenge. According to the United States Army Institute of Surgical Research, 30 to 40 percent of civilian deaths by traumatic injury are the result of hemorrhaging. Thirty-three to 56 percent of those deaths occur before the patient ever makes it to the hospital.

The Xstat Rapid Hemostasis System works by injecting 92 compressed, cellulose sponges with an absorbent coating directly into a wound, creating a dressing that can absorb up to a pint of blood and can last for up to four hours. Up to three syringes can be administered for a single patient.

According to Gizmodo, the sponges all contain radiopaque markers that can be spotted under an X-ray, making their extraction during surgery easier.

The new product, manufactured by RevMedX, Inc., will certainly get its fair share of use. [The Brady Campaign To Prevent Gun Violence](#) estimates that 100,000 people are shot every year in the U.S, which comes out to about 289 per day.

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California shooters spoke of jihad as early as late 2013: FBI

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) – The couple who killed 14 people in San Bernardino last week were radicalized before they met online and spoke of jihad and martyrdom to each other as early as late 2013, FBI director James Comey said on Wednesday.

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“They were actually radicalized before they started ... dating each other online, and as early as the end of 2013 they were talking to each other about jihad and martyrdom before they became engaged,” Comey said at a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The FBI believes the couple were inspired by foreign terrorist organizations, and is working to understand the nature of their association and the source of their inspiration, he added.

(Reporting by Mohammad Zargham; editing by David Alexander)

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Dow Chemical, DuPont in merger talks: sources

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(Reuters) – Dow Chemical Co and DuPont are in talks to merge, creating a chemicals giant with a market value of more than \$120 billion that could then break up into different businesses, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

A deal, which would face regulatory approval in several countries, would allow the two U.S. companies to rejig their assets based on their diverging fortunes. Their plastics and specialty chemical businesses have benefited from lower energy costs, while their agrochemicals divisions have struggled to cope with weak demand for crop protection products.

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Following what would be structured as a merger of equals, the combined company could split into material sciences, specialty products and agrochemicals, the people said, cautioning that the plans have not been finalized.

Dow's Chief Executive Andrew Liveris and DuPont Chief Executive Edward Breen would have the two top jobs in the combined company, one of the people said. An agreement could be reached in the coming days, that person added.

Dow and DuPont declined to comment.

The Wall Street Journal first reported on the merger talks earlier on Tuesday.

The possible merger may see cost synergies to the tune of \$3 billion, CNBC reported citing people familiar with the matter.

As of Tuesday's trading close, Dow had a market valuation of \$58.97 billion, while DuPont was valued at \$58.37 billion.

DuPont, under Breen, who took over as CEO last month, had already been in talks with rivals, including Dow, about exploring options about its agriculture business.

Dow had also been reviewing all options for its farm chemicals and seeds unit, which has reported falling sales for nearly a year.

In August, the world's largest seed company, Monsanto, abandoned a \$45 billion bid for rival Syngenta as declining grain prices and farm income led to the major players in the farm chemicals and seeds business becoming the subject of consolidation talks.

However, even before the merger is announced, speculation is rife that the potential combination, which could overtake Germany's BASF in revenue, may come under intense scrutiny by antitrust regulators.

"A deal like this will definitely be subject to close antitrust scrutiny by Chinese regulators – not just MOFCOM but many other government actors will be involved in the process. That doesn't mean the deal will necessarily be prohibited," said Angela Zhang, an antitrust expert at King's College in London.

Zhang warns that the merger review process will be protracted. However, if the companies "can offer remedies that satisfy the Chinese regulators," they could obtain clearance subject to conditions, Zhang said.

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Breen took over after his predecessor and company veteran Ellen Kullman resigned abruptly in October. Best known as a turnaround expert, Breen was the CEO of Tyco between 2002 and 2012 and split Tyco into six companies, a sprawling conglomerate beset by scandal and strategic flipflops.

DuPont, which gets about 60 percent of its sales from outside North America, has seen a strong dollar chip away 53 cents per share from its earnings this year. The company has been facing sliding sales for nearly two years.

Kullman had blamed much of the stock price drop on global markets including a rising dollar but some investors had already grown restless with her leadership, complaining that she was not fully executing on the changes she initiated.

In the intervening period in May, when Kullman was fending off a proxy battle from activist investor Nelson Peltz to get representation on the board, the company's stock price fell over 25 percent, weakening her support among investors.

In analyst views, the appointment of Breen has been welcomed by Peltz, who has been pushing for DuPont to separate its volatile materials businesses from more stable businesses and save \$2 billion to \$4 billion in annual costs.

A 213-year-old company, DuPont makes products and chemicals that go into industries such as petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, food and construction.

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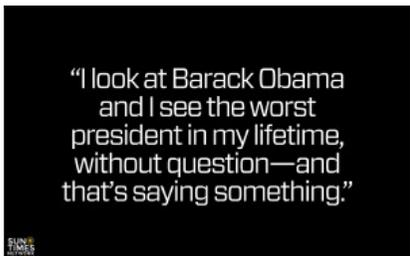
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