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COVER-UP: FBI ILLEGALLY THREATENS TO FIRE SPECIAL AGENT OVER 'O'REILLY FACTOR' APPEARANCE

FBI SPECIAL AGENT DOES NOT APPEAR FOR FEAR OF HIS JOB

**JUDICIAL WATCH CLIENT ROBERT WRIGHT, JR. WAS SET TO
EXPOSE ANOTHER AGENT WHO STYMIED INVESTIGATION
INTO BIN LADEN**

(Washington, DC) Judicial Watch, the public interest group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption, reported today that its client Robert Wright, Jr., a special agent with the FBI, was threatened with loss of his job over an appearance on FOX News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" last night. Special Agent Wright was scheduled to talk about another FBI agent, who is a Muslim, who had refused to wear a wire in an investigation related to the African embassy bombings of 1998, which have been tied to Osama bin Laden. The Muslim FBI agent, according to Wright and others, refused to wear a wire because "a Muslim does not record another Muslim." Since the story has become public, the FBI has issued an explanation for the Muslim FBI agent's actions which is patently false.

In planning his appearance to expose this cover-up on "The O'Reilly Factor," Special Agent Wright followed all FBI rules and regulations. In threatening Special Agent Wright's firing, the FBI has violated its own regulations. Last year, the FBI also threatened to fire Wright if he met alone with congressional investigators from the joint congressional committee investigating the intelligence failures leading up to 9/11. Special Agent Wright, through Judicial Watch, is pursuing a federal lawsuit over the FBI's refusal to let him talk to the American public about the FBI's refusal to shut down terrorist funding networks prior to 9/11.

"The FBI has an agent in its midst that shut down an important investigation into Osama bin Laden because of admitted Muslim sympathies. And now the FBI lies to protect its hide and threatens retaliation against Special Agent Wright for exposing this lie. We will pursue appropriate legal remedies for this latest act of retaliation," stated Judicial Watch Chairman and General Counsel Larry Klayman.