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O'REILLY: "Impact" segment tonight, seeing the impact of 9/11 almost five years after the fact. Today, the Defense Department released two videos showing American Airlines flight 77 striking the **Pentagon** after being hijacked by terrorists.

The watchdog group Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act request that forced the release of the video.

Joining us now from Washington, **Tom Fitton**, president of Judicial Watch. Why did you want the video released?

TOM FITTON, PRESIDENT OF JUDICIAL WATCH: Well, we wanted to help put to rest conspiracy theories out there that were suggesting a cruise missile hit the **Pentagon**, the government murdered the airline passengers on flight 77, really outrageous stuff.

And one of the reasons that the conspiracy theories were being fueled was because the government hadn't released allegedly a video of the airplane striking the **Pentagon**.

We said well, let's get that video released. And so we sought this video about a year and a half ago.

O'REILLY: Now why did the government resist your request at first? You had to file a FOIA Act. Why did they resist?

FITTON: Well, you know, the government just doesn't like to release information generally. And then they used the excuse that they were planning to use the video perhaps in the Zacarias Moussaoui trial.

We've said that wasn't sufficient. We filed a lawsuit. The long and short of it is they waited until after the trial was over and he was sentenced -- convicted and sentenced. And they released the video to us today.

O'REILLY: OK. Now we're watching the video here. We've seen the pictures. And it doesn't seem to me, watching these pictures, that this shows anything more than an explosion. It does prove the plane, of course, crashed into the **Pentagon**. Most rational people did believe that, but there's nothing more to it, is there, or am I missing something?

FITTON: Well, I think if you look at it carefully, and look at it in even slower motion than the videos indicate, you'll see what looks like a passenger airliner hitting the **Pentagon**.

And just having the videos released, though, is important, Bill, because the conspiracy theorists said well, the government's hiding something by not releasing the videos. Now they're out there and that's one more leg of the conspiracy theory that's been knocked down as a result.

O'REILLY: Do you believe that these tapes have any other wider implications? See, debunking the nuts, I understand, you know, but nobody really takes them seriously. Is there anything else we can learn from this?

FITTON: Well, too many take them seriously. And I think they serve, though, additionally as useful reminders as to the evil terrorists we're facing.

It puts a cap stone on the historical record. And it reminds Americans of exactly what we're facing in terms of what terrorists are willing to do.

That's a plane full of passengers hitting a building full of innocents. And it's a noteworthy reminder of what we faced on September 11th, and what we continue to face in terms of threats today.

O'REILLY: All right, Mr. Fitton, thanks very much. We appreciate it.

FITTON: You're welcome.

O'REILLY: Plenty more ahead as "The Factor" moves along this evening. A hazing incident at Northwestern University featuring the women's soccer team causing big controversy.

And inside the criminal world of polygamy. Two women will tell their stories, and they are startling. We hope you stay tuned for those reports.

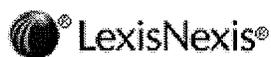
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