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On 07-24-2017 at approximately 1145 while on base to final to the Maverick helicopter ramp at the KHND airport I observed a jet aircraft slowly taking off.

It lifted off the runway at a very steep angle of attack and it appeared to strike the tail on the runway then level off, it touched down then popped up a second time leveled off never gaining much altitude.

The aircraft was slow and struggling crabbing into the wind when it struck the curb on the south side of Volunteer Blvd and there was a large fireball, the aircraft continued into the desert turned 180 degrees and stopped.

I landed by the aircraft to assist, when I ran to the aircraft the cockpit was fully engulfed it was then I noticed the pilot walking away being assisted by two people.