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Aviation Accident Investigator
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Date: February 4, 2022
Subject: ERA22FA141 - witness
Contact: Jim Bourke

Mr. Bourke stated he was flying in a flight of two with his fiancé flying lead in the accident airplane, N100NG. He stated it was the first time they had flown in formation in those two airplanes. They were returning to their home airport, Northeast Florida Regional Airport (SGJ), after a short local flight. After several moments of watching smoke come from the exhaust of the accident airplane, he asked over the radio if the airplane's smoke-generator was on. The pilot replied that it was not, and she added that the engine was producing only 1,380 rpm, which was below the expected 2,200 rpm cruise power setting.

He relayed to air traffic control that N100NG was trailing smoke and declared an emergency. They continued towards SGJ, when they got close to the airport he broke off and joined the traffic pattern. When he didn't see N100NG on the runway he landed and began to look for her. He was told that N100NG overflew the runway and came to rest in the marsh.