



Former Alton Police officer enjoying first week of retirement

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ALTON - After 27 years serving the **Alton Police Department**, **Lt. Al Adams** has retired.

During his tenure in Alton, Adams worked in every department except traffic enforcement. He retired as a lieutenant after nearly three decades serving. He also ran the operations of the drug department, spent a lot of time on investigations and with the major case squad, served as a special agent in the early 1990s and served on various task forces. He went to the **FBI's National Academy** in 2013, and said he looks forward to a continued future in law enforcement.

"I was ready to retire and move on, but I wanted to stay in law enforcement," Adams said Friday afternoon.

Adams's last day on the Alton Police force was Tuesday, Jan. 2. After Tuesday, he continued his career with the **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Police Department**. He said he is in the early stages of the new job, but said it was going "so far, so good."

"I chose SIUE, because I was ready to retire from Alton," he said. "I had 27 years in, and I was eligible to draw pension. I applied to SIUE and got hired. There was no big reason for leaving. I was just ready to go."

Adams said he hoped he would be in law enforcement for several years to come.

"I like working with a professional police department," he said.

