

AVON — Police on Friday (2/10/23) warned residents to take precautions as the number of home burglaries rises in town. Calling the increase an “uptick,” Avon Police Lt. John Schmalberger said other Connecticut towns are experiencing more break-ins as well.

In the last few weeks, four residential burglaries, including two on the same night, were reported in Avon, he said. About 6:10 p.m. Thursday, police responded to one on Woodford Hills Drive. While officers were on their way there, another report of a home burglary came in from nearby Hazen Drive, Schmalberger said.

The burglaries happened at different times of the day, but were similar in a few ways: Nobody was home in any of the targeted houses, which the burglars got into by breaking into the rear sliding glass doors, he said.

Avon is working with other police departments to solve the break-ins, but in the meantime police ask residents to be vigilant.

“Simple stems such as leaving lights on in the home, even when unoccupied, activating your home security system and keeping an eye out and immediately reporting any suspicious vehicles/activity can all help,” Schmalberger said.

*Anyone with information about the burglaries, including surveillance video, can call the Avon Police Department Detective Unit at 860-409-4200.*