Rewrite the sentences in parentheses using past modal verbs. Use the modal verbs given.

1. A There's no answer. (must) *She must have left by now.*
   (I bet she left by now.)

   B Do you think she's coming by bus?

   A Um, I don't know. (may) _____
   (Maybe she decided to drive.)

   B I don't think so. Her car broke down. It was in the garage last night.

   (could not) _____
   (It's not possible she got it back yet.)

2. A Did I tell you someone robbed Dana last week and stole her purse?

   B How awful! (must) _____
   (I bet she was scared.)

   A Well, she was scared at first. The funny thing was, she knew the thief.
   She went to school with him! But Dana looks really different now.
   (might not) _____
   (So it's possible he didn't recognize her.)

   B Did she tell him that she knew him?

   A (may) _____ I don't really know.
   (Maybe she told him.)

   B Well, I hope she reported him to the police!

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