

THE \$10 MILLION BOY

A BRONX Supreme Court jury yesterday awarded \$10 million to an 8½-year-old boy whose family sued the city after his face was severely burned in a firebomb attack six years ago.

Judge Alan Saks asked the boy's mother, Sandra Blake, an unemployed legal secretary, to consent to reducing the verdict to \$2.4 million.

Her lawyers, Beth Siegel and Martin Weiser, said they

would consider scaling down the award.

The city was expected to appeal the verdict in favor of Franklin Blake, a third-grader at PS 21 in The Bronx.

During the five-week trial, the boy appeared in court to show the jury his facial scars.

Franklin was in bed with his mother at 3 a.m. on May 25, 1982, when an unknown assailant threw a Molotov cocktail through their first-floor bedroom window at 788 E. 220th St.

It was the third firebomb incident in five days, testified Mrs. Blake, who has been on welfare.

After the first two incidents, city police promised her protection, but did not provide it, she testified.

She said she had also told police about receiving a death-threat letter and being beaten up in a street assault.

At the trial, police witnesses denied that they had promised her special protection